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RED DRIVE ON CHUNGKING

Communists Attacking Near Szechuan Border S'hai, Foochow Raided

Chungking, November 3.

Chinese Communist forces have reopened furious attacks from the East and South on Patung, 30 miles from the Szechuan border, a military news despatch from Wanhshien in Szechuan said today.

Nationalist Threat To Bomb Canton

Taipei, November 3. Chinese Air Force radio stations today warned Chinese and foreign residents in Canton to keep away from military objectives, such as wharves, warehouses, radio and railway stations etc. which "will be subject to heavy bombing soon."—Reuter.

Nationalists Shell Reds Near Macao

Macao, November 3. Nationalist troops on Lappa Island opened fire with light artillery today on Communist positions at Tsingshan, a few miles North of the Macao border.

There was sporadic fire all morning. No casualties were caused among the Communist troops but two Chinese civilians were killed and four others wounded. One Nationalist shell destroyed a temple in Hachin.

It is estimated that there are still about 2,000 Nationalists on Lappa Island but they are expected to withdraw during the night.

The Communists have occupied Nanning, North of Lappa, and are expected to expel the Nationalist remnants from Lappa tomorrow morning.

Many Lappa peasants have sought refuge in Macao. The Portuguese sloop Joao de Lisboa, which was recently in Hong Kong, is patrolling the channel.

The bus service between Macao and Shekoi will resume tomorrow.—Our Own Correspondent.

Typhoon Death Toll In PI Rises To 57

Manila, November 3. The toll of known dead in the All Saints Day typhoon in the Central Philippines mounted to 57 tonight.

Delayed reports from authorities of the Eastern coastal province of Negros Island to President Quirino said 31 additional storm victims had been counted. The previous death toll was 26, of whom 10 were on the Western peninsula of Negros Island and 15 on Cebu.

Additional storm damage was reported from two other islands, Leyte and Mindanao, making a total of five islands raked by the worst typhoon in 12 years.

In Manila, the Philippine Weather Bureau was asked to explain to the President's Office why its storm warnings were 12 hours late.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0000 GMT (2 p.m. HEST) the tropical storm centered about 140 miles due S of Hong Kong and is moving W or WNW at 12 knots. A ridge has built over China and adjacent seas.

Today's Forecast: light to moderate NE winds. Partly cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 81.4 deg. F. Minimum: 71.8 deg. F. Sunshine: 10.5 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—1941.7 mm.—77.23 in. as against an average of 207.61 mm.—8.17 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. Bar: 1013.5 1013.5 m.m. Wind: 20.0 20.0 m.p.h.

Humidity: 61 71 % Dew-Point: 62.0 62.0 deg. F. Wind Direction: 200 200 Wind Force: 12 14 knots.

Tides: High 0811 4.0 Low 2015 2.0

Princesses Hear Vital News



Princess Elizabeth (left) and her sister Princess Margaret arrive at the House of Commons to hear Mr. Clement Attlee's vital news, affecting all British people, of the cuts the British Government plans to make in expenditure. (A.P. photo).

Appraisal Of U.S. Navy, RAF Asian Policy Urged To Test HK Defences

New York, November 3.

American business leaders attending the annual National Foreign Trade Council convention today urged a "thorough appraisal" of United States policy in China and other Asian countries.

The recommendation was contained in the final declaration of the convention, attended by more than 1,800 business men. "Achievement of political and economic stability, and of increased productivity throughout the Far East are highly important to the people of the United States," the declaration said.

"Not only are the resources and markets of Far Eastern countries potentially of increasing significance in world trade, but stability and economic progress in that part of the world are linked with the advancement of our own national well-being," it added.

The declaration followed by a day the speech by Carlos Romulo, who called for a change in attitude toward Asia. He said Asia presents a problem primarily economic and social rather than military and strategic.

Brigadier-General Bonello, President of the United Nations General Assembly, said: "The rest of the world cannot enjoy real prosperity so long as Asia remains sunk in poverty."

The Russian specialists had gone to Communist China at the request of the Central Anti-Plague Committee of the Communist Government, the Radio said.—Reuter.

PLAGUE IN NORTH CHAHAR

San Francisco, November 3.

The Communist Peking Radio reported tonight that four Russian anti-plague specialists of the Moscow State Medical Institute had arrived in Peking to participate in controlling the plague which is gripping Northern Chahar Province.

The plague, which is said to have spread from the Mongolian grasslands, was early this week reported to have claimed almost 50 lives.

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Sir Robert Ho Tung Returns To Colony In Constellation

Sir Robert Ho Tung returned to the Colony yesterday afternoon after a six months' tour of Europe.

He was met at the Kai Tak airport by many relatives and close friends including his daughter, Doctor Irene Ho Tung, Lady Mar-kam Lo, Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung, Chairman of the local Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Ho Sai-kim, Sir Ho Tung's son and Mr. Ko Yau-heung, his secretary.

Upon his arrival, Sir Robert Ho Tung was invited to speak to the listeners of Radio Hong Kong through a recording machine.

In his speech, Sir Robert Ho Tung said that he had a very good time during which he had the honour of being received by the Royal Families of Great Britain, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Before he went to Brussels where he boarded a Pan-American aircraft for the Colony, the 88-year-old prominent local resident also paid a visit to Paris.

Sir Robert Ho Tung arrived here at about 12 p.m. in a Pan-American Lockheed L-49 Constellation passenger plane.

The largest plane ever to land at the Colony's airport.

Leakage Of Bevin's Memo On Italy

London, November 3.

The Foreign Office has been considerably embarrassed by the leakage of an outspoken memorandum by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, criticising Italy for her recent anti-British press campaigns.

It was believed in diplomatic quarters here today.

Official silence on the subject was regarded as tantamount to a confirmation of the accuracy of the report, which was published in the American weekly magazine "Newsweek."

British officials in Washington were expected to investigate the leak from a security angle.

According to "Newsweek," Mr. Bevin, writing with bluntness, prepared the memorandum for private guidance of foreign office officials.

Offensive reasons for the Italian campaign have been Britain's failure to grant an amnesty to Italians imprisoned for war crimes against British troops and for alleged lack of sympathy to Italy's case for the return of her former colonial empire.

"Incredible" quoted Mr. Bevin as saying in the memorandum: "I find it incredible that responsible Italian statesmen should throw bricks at us in this way. I do not see what they can expect to gain by screaming at us."

"It is regrettable that at a time when we are trying hard to resist outside threats, one member of the democratic world should launch a false and artificial campaign against another."

"I am constantly hearing about Italian grievances from third parties but never from Count Spadolini (Italian Foreign Minister) himself."

"I will not have my policy changed by press campaigns and similar tactics. I wish the Italians would understand that as a government we are not playing a double game but are trying our best to be straightforward and honest with other powers."—Reuter.

PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL KMT HOLDINGS

The word is being passed along unofficially by the British that the Chinese Communists are not going to have a field day in taking over Nationalist assets in Hong Kong after recognition of the Peking regime, reports United Press.

The full weight of British law will be thrown behind protection of individual holdings and assets as contrasted to purely Nationalist government resources and properties in the colony.

And... until recognition is granted, no Communist will get official permission from the colonial administration to take even a peak at the records of such institutions as the Bank of China, Central Trust, air lines and other enterprises in which the Chinese government has majority control.

A highly placed official source told the United Press that, on the other hand, the Government is not likely to give the Nationalists any advance notice of a decision on recognition. To do so would violate international practice.

He added that it would not be necessary as it is pretty well understood in all quarters anyway, that British recognition of the Chinese Communists is only a matter of time and detail.

It will be only after the formal announcement and mutual exchanges between Peking and London, this source said, that the Communists will be given permission to make open and official inventory of Nationalist assets in Hong Kong.

He admitted too, that there probably would be some technical differences arise between the Colony and the Reds over whether Kuomintang party assets—if any are left here—will be classified as Nationalist government property to which the Communists will be entitled.

But he insisted that the interests of individuals, regardless of party or government position, would be protected with the full weight of British law. At the same time, a watch is being kept to insure that Nationalist government agencies adhere to all regulations in the liquidation or transfer of their assets.

Reds Investigating

But the Communists are not waiting for the formalities of British recognition of their government to start making their own private investigation of Nationalist assets here.

It is known they already have Shanghai agents here making an appraisal and location of all the Nationalist properties they can spot. Some of these agents have been seen and identified by former associates as being at work in Hong Kong.

An official of one transportation agency revealed that among them is a former Chinese who held an executive position of his company in Shanghai, and who went over to the Reds. When

HK-Canton Radio-Telephone Resuming Today

Radio-telephone communication between Hong Kong and Canton will be resumed today, it was announced last night by Cable and Wireless.

The service will be available from 8 a.m. It has been disrupted since October 15 when the People's Liberation Army occupied the city.

Telegraphic services with the Kwangtung capital are expected to be resumed shortly. The exact date is uncertain as an official notification from the Canton authorities has not been received here.

The delay is believed to be due to absence in Canton of personnel authorised to deal with telecommunications.

The firm evacuated Shanghai, this employee said, the location and amounts of equipment it was forced to leave behind. When the Reds came in, he led them to all the godowns and other places where the company thought it had successfully hidden the equipment.

This agent is now in Hong Kong making a similar survey through labourers and mechanics of that same firm working here.

Other firms in which the Nationalist government has a financial interest confirmed they had evidence the same thing was going on in their family of employees.

But they are helpless to take action against this subversive inventorying of their assets.

They admit it highly probable that employees now in key positions are working in the interest of the Communists, supplying the Reds with essential information.

Nationalist agencies are continuing the steady reduction of government assets here, either by removal to the United States and other countries—not including Britain or Commonwealth states—or by quiet sale to individuals.

The Colonial Government has made no effort to check on or interfere with such transactions as long as there was no evidence of overstepping local regulations.

As a result, no estimate of the original or present value of pure Nationalist government resources in the Colony is available.—United Press.

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Reminders

Today

European YMCA women's section Club Morning, 10 a.m.
Farwell Gala of the Season, European YMCA.
Beating the Retreat, Hong Kong Cricket Club, 5.15 p.m.
Sino-British Club Literary Group, debate on "The Press", (Cosmo Club, 6 p.m.)
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.45 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Guy Fawkes Fair, at St. Andrew's Church grounds, opening ceremony at 3 p.m.
Repulse Bay Club Dinner & Banquet (South Staffordshire Regimental Band) 8 p.m. to midnight

SATURDAY

Kowloon Gramophone Society, classical recital, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.
Opening of Ling Yuet Sin Infants' Hospital, 54, Pokfulam Road, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

T'oe H Classical concert, 50, Macdonell Road, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group, talk on "Christianity in a Changing World" by the Rev. Mr. Philip D. Dutton, 8.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church Remembrance Service, 11 a.m. (collection in aid of Earl Haig Fund).

Guy Fawkes Fair

A Guy Fawkes Fair will be held at St. Andrew's Church grounds tomorrow. It will be formally opened by Mrs. Brownfield, wife of Commodore L. N. Brownfield, RN, at 3 p.m.

There will be stalls with home-made cakes and sweets, knitted garments, dress dolls, Chinese embroidery, plants and rummage.

The sideshow will include Guides Country dancing, Cinema, pony rides, lucky dip, brooches, and many games of skill, including rifle range, and coconut shies, for adults.

There will be a tin toys play corner where mothers can leave their wee ones, under the expert care of Mrs. Stewart, headmistress of Royden House, kindergarten.

You will be able to hear your own voice on a wire-recorder kindly lent for the occasion by Miss Bradley, and you will be able to refresh yourselves with Watson's cold drinks, ice creams, or teas in the Vicarage.

The Band of the 12 Commando, Royal Marines, will be in attendance, also Pipers and Dancers of the 1st Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers.

There is to be a grand fireworks display and the burning of the Guy at dusk, followed by a social and dance in the Church Hall at 8.30 p.m.

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The action for a claim of more than \$1,400,000 failed yesterday at the Supreme Court, when Mr. Justice Williams, senior Puisne Judge, delivered a 54-page judgment in favour of the defendant.

Plaintiff, A. V. White, of 3 College Road, was awarded two-thirds the costs of the action, which had extended for a period of 14 hearings altogether.

Mr. Williams ruled that the contracts in exchange concerned were illegal by the law of China, and that consequently the money owing by defendant to plaintiff was irrecoverable under that law.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, KC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared on behalf of the plaintiff, and Mr. King-yun Loc and Mr. P. L. Lam on the defendant's side. In relation to Chinese law, Mr. Williams said there was a direct conflict between the opinions expressed by the expert witnesses on both sides as to the validity of the August Regulations.

Both White and Roberts—formerly doing business in Shanghai—were related by marriage.

Plaintiff claimed from defendant the return of \$1,409,649.79 as money alleged to have been received by defendant from plaintiff in Shanghai during transactions in exchange. When the action came on for trial, the amount claimed was \$800,748.15. Leave was given during the hearing to amend this figure.

White claimed alternatively \$556,036.50 as damages for breaches of 12 contracts made between November 1947 and January 1948. The contracts were alleged to have been partly in writing and were briefly for the payment by defendant of agreed sums in the United States, United Kingdom, and in Hong Kong in return of payments by plaintiff in Shanghai of Chinese National Currency.

Defence Argument

White claimed further that the contracts were made between plaintiff on the one hand and the firm of defendant and one Baeten on the other.

Roberts in defence admitted he was in partnership with Baeten from September 1946 to March 1947, but this was in import and export business and as general commercial agents. But that partnership was later dissolved. During the relevant period he was not in partnership with Baeten, Roberts claimed.

Defendant contended that the contracts in question were personally made by plaintiff with Baeten, and that he had no knowledge of it nor did he benefit therefrom. Baeten had no authority to enter into contracts binding him.

Roberts alternatively claimed the transactions concerned were illegal to the knowledge of the parties under certain laws of China. Therefore, any money paid by plaintiff were irrecoverable either as damages for breaches of contract or in an action for money.

The Judgment

Giving his long judgment, the senior Puisne Judge said that both parties were agreed that Chinese law was applicable and that there were substantial four issues, the onus of proof of the first three of which lay on the plaintiff, and the fourth on the defendant. The issues were whether the contracts were entered into by defendant a partner of Baeten in the transaction, if not, did he hold himself out or permit himself to be held out as a partner; and were the contracts illegal.

As subsidiary to the last item they were illegal, could payments made in respect of the contracts be recovered by the plaintiff.

Mr. Williams went on to say that the burden lay on the plaintiff to satisfy him on a preponderance of probability that defendant was a partner with Baeten in these foreign exchange transactions, or that defendant permitted himself to be held out as Baeten's partner in these transactions.

The senior Puisne Judge pointed out that it was evident that not a single document bore defendant's signature or initials resulting therefore in a weakness in plaintiff's case. The other evidence in favour of the plaintiff must be correspondingly greater before the Court could be satisfied the plaintiff had discharged his burden of proof, he added.

Chinese Laws

Dealing with the evidence given by plaintiff's witnesses, Mr. Williams recalled that none of them had seen any indication whatever in Roberts' office that an import and export business was being conducted there. Instead, the evidence was of factors pointing to the carrying on there of an exchange business.

After going at length into the evidence and making observations on them, Mr. Williams said he found that Baeten and defendant, from early 1947 up to January 8, 1948, were partners in foreign exchange at Roberts' office that there was default in payment of the foreign currency due on the 12 contracts and that, apart from any question of illegality or illegality, defendant would be liable as a partner under Chinese and British law for breaches of contracts or, alternatively, in an action for money received.

Mr. Williams went on to recall defendant's submission that this Court could not inquire into the validity of the acts of a foreign sovereign power, and counsel's quotations from numerous authorities in support of this con-

tion. After going through the latter, the senior Puisne Judge said he held that he ought not to inquire into the validity of the August Regulations. His decision must therefore proceed on the basis that they are valid.

Conflict Of Evidence

After passing through the evidence by Mr. James Mac Lee for the plaintiff, and Mr. King-yun Loc and Mr. P. L. Lam on the defendant's side, in relation to Chinese law, Mr. Williams said there was a direct conflict between the opinions expressed by the expert witnesses on both sides as to the validity of the August Regulations.

"This Court is being asked to rule as to the validity of the August Regulations, which has not been questioned in any Chinese Court," he pointed out. He added that he accepted the opinion that the objective address to the Executive Yuan and organs under its control was sufficient authority to it to pass the August Regulations. "Had it, therefore, been necessary to decide on their validity, I would have ruled they were valid."

Turning to the question as to whether the contracts in question were made illegal by these regulations, Mr. Williams said that in weighing up the points for and against the contention of Roberts that these transactions were thus illegal, being breaches of the August Regulations, he was fully satisfied that the defendant has discharged the onus which lies on him.

"The transactions being then illegal under Chinese law, is plaintiff entitled to recover in Chinese law and our law either as damages for breach of contract or by way of action for money?" Mr. Williams declared.

"I agree with the submission of counsel for the defence that these contracts being illegal by the law of China, this Court ought to do nothing to enforce them both on the grounds of public policy and because of the provisions of Article 8 section 2 (b) of the British Woods Agreement," he concluded.

"I hold that plaintiff fails in his claim, and I give judgment for the defendant."

Electricians Censured By Coroner During Electrocuton Inquests

Three electricians were censured by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday during the inquests into the deaths by electrocution of two foks in August.

Sitting as coroner at the inquests into the deaths of Fung Chiu-king, fitter employed by the Fuk Wing Fitting and Electrical Engineers Company, 25 Lee Yuen Street, and Kwok Kee, 16-year-old tailor apprentice of 721 Nathan Road, Mr. Wicks criticised the electricians' negligence in carrying out proper checks and repairing the equipment used by the deceased.

In his verdicts of accidental death, Mr. Wicks, however, said that their negligence did not amount to culpable homicide.

In the death of Fung Chiu-king, who was killed while working with an electric drill at an enclosure fence at the South Sea Textile Company, Tsun Wan, on August 17, Mr. Wicks said that Fung Yee-sun, manager of the Fuk Wing firm, was negligent in that he failed to exercise proper supervision over his workmen. It was his duty, said Mr. Wicks, to check that proper three-wire cable was fitted to the drill with the necessary three-pin adapters and that he failed in his duty.

Chan Man-fai, assistant electrician of the South Sea Textile factory, was criticised for installing in the premises two-pin plugs with which the electric drill was connected at the time of the fatal accident.

Lighting Plugs

Mr. Wicks said: "The lighting plugs fitted were efficient and safe if used only for lighting, and the China Light and Power Company were entitled to rely on the fact that the South Sea Textile factory employed a resident electrical engineer and an assistant engineer, who were both skilled and qualified, as an adequate safeguard that power appliances would not be connected to the light plugs."

The deceased being a skilled electrician, should have been aware of the danger he was running in using a drill with no earth wire and as a result his own negligence led partly to his own death.

In the death of Kwok Kee, who was killed on August 18 as the result of using an iron in the Ah Luk Tailor Shop, 721 Nathan Road, Mr. Wang Yau, manager of the Yiu Ming Electrical firm of 623 Shanghai Street, was censured by the



The GOC-in-C, Lieutenant-General Sir E. C. Robert Mansergh, shown inspecting the tanks of the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit during yesterday's Passing Out Parade at Lyemun Barracks. ("China Mail" Photo).

GOC-In-C Inspects Chinese Training Unit

The GOC-in-C, Lieutenant-General Sir E. C. Robert Mansergh, inspected the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit at Lyemun Barracks yesterday. He told the 135 Chinese recruits, who had just completed 16 weeks training, that they had given a smart and soldierly parade.

Five of the new recruits—one from each platoon—received a swigger cane and new uniform for being judged the best recruits in their platoons.

Private Henry Wong, judged the best recruit in the Company, received a silver shield.

General Mansergh told the men that their bearing was exceedingly good, and that their turnout was of a very high order.

On parade with the recruits was the Band of the 3rd Commando Brigade, Royal Marines.

The General addressed the troops after an inspection.

He said: "This parade today is a credit to you, and your staff, and I congratulate you all."

Soldier's Qualities

"Although you have had only four months' training, you have only just started being soldiers. From now on the things you have learned here must be remembered."

"Your conduct, discipline, obedience and your loyalty—all these essential qualities of a soldier—must be maintained."

"The forces in Hong Kong are glad to have you, and welcome you in your turn, you must be a credit to them and yourselves."

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"Also, you have now joined the forces of His Majesty the King."

"It is an honour for you to join such forces, and I shall personally watch your progress and work with very great interest."

"I wish you a hearty welcome to His Majesty's forces."

Good Start

"When you leave here, you may know that you made a good start; I ask you to carry on as you have started."

You will have the satisfaction of knowing you are taking over in a position of responsibility and a position where you will be respected.

"I wish you all the very best of luck."

Four other recruits received a swigger cane and uniform for being judged the best recruits in their platoons.

They are: Platoon 1, Liu Tak-kow; Platoon 2, Cheng Bing-dow; Platoon 4, Wong Chi-kwong; and Platoon 5, Lee Fat.

Panama's National Day

Panama's national day was celebrated in Hong Kong yesterday with a cocktail party at the Club Lusitano attended by Panamanian nationals in the Colony and well-wishers, numbering about 100.

Mr. Bernardo Vergara, Consul-General of Panama, proposed the toast of the King, and Lady Grantham, wife of the Governor, responded with the toast of the President of the Republic of Panama.

Besides members of the consular body, other guests included the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner, Mr. W. P. Montgomery; the Canadian Trade Commissioner, Mr. K. P. Noble; the Assistant Australian Trade Commissioner, Mr. H. H. Rankine; the Secretary of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. J. B. Kite; and many prominent residents of the Colony, both Chinese and European.



Lady Grantham and the Consul-General of Panama, Mr. Bernardo Vergara, exchanging toasts on the occasion of Panama's National Day yesterday. ("China Mail" Photo).

Heavy Traffic On Railway

About 4,000 people have been travelling by train from Kowloon to Lo Wu daily since the resumption of through service between Canton and Shumchun.

The number of passengers taking the train back to Kowloon has been about the same. Passengers take the short stretch between Lo Wu and Shumchun on foot.

The sudden increase in traffic has necessitated the adding of more coaches to the trains which since October 30 have been switched back to winter time-table.

Six trains leave for, and return from, Lo Wu daily.

ST. JOHN ORDERS

Orders by Mr. A. d'Arnell, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, Order No. 42/49, dated November 4:

Ambulance Duties: Hong Kong: November 6 to 12, KCOB Division; November 13 to 19, 18th Namb Division.

Ambulance Duties: Kowloon: November 7 to 13, Shamshing Division; November 14 to 20, Kowloon Division.

Race Course Duties: Saturday, November 5, Shaukiwan, and Motor Transport Division.

Ambulance Duty Ceremony: The Brigade will be represented at the Ceremony by the Commissioner and Asst. Commissioner. Ambulance manned by Chung Shao and Central Divisions will be on parade at Statue Square, 8.45 p.m.

Football Match Duties: Saturday, November 5, HKFC Club, 2.45 p.m., KCOB Division; Caroline Hill, 2.20 p.m., HKYMCA Division; Kai Tak (KAP), Kowloon Division, 4.30 p.m., Sunday, November 6, Navy Ground, 2.45 p.m., Wanchai "B" Division; Boundary Street, 3 p.m., Kowloon Division; Monday, November 7, Bookhouse, 8.45 p.m., Shaukiwan Division; Boundary Street, 1.30 p.m., Shamshing Division.

Treasure Hunt Competition: The results of the competition were as follows: 1st, HK No. 1 Corps, 100 points; 2nd, HK No. 2 Corps, 114 1/2 points; 3rd, Kowloon No. 1 Corps, 108 points; 4th, Kowloon No. 1 Corps, 92 points.

Officers' Mess: The first Officers' Mess Dinner will be held at Headquarters on Friday, November 25, Sir Alexander Grantham, KCMG, KBE, will be the guest of honour. All those Officers wishing to attend are asked to reply to the circular as soon as possible.

Reservations: Div. Supt. Chan Wah-king, KYMCA, w.e.d. October 25. (Sect.) R. A. Edwards, SRSJ, 4, Grove Street.

Forces Welfare Book Collection: The following are gratefully thanked for contributions of books, magazines, cards and games: Mr. Louis Tsi-ang, The Dutch Consul, Mrs. C. E. Terry, Mrs. C. Hatto, Dr. Phillips, Mrs. D.L.P. Edwards, Mrs. C.M. Van Vliet and the pupils of the King George V School (6th Collection).

Armed Robbery Suspects Arrested

Seven men, two armed with revolvers and one with a dagger, entered the home of a contractor in the Second Block of the Talkoo Workmen's Quarters on Wednesday morning and robbed the inmates of HK\$4,700 in cash and more than 10 taels of gold.

At the time of the robbery there were only three women in the flat and they were locked in one of the rooms while the men ransacked the place.

Yesterday the Shaukiwan police had rounded up seven men suspected of being implicated in the armed robbery. Most of the money and about eight taels of gold were recovered.

A revolver loaded with six rounds was reported to have been found on one of the suspects arrested in Pak Chien village yesterday morning.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Able Seaman Eric Ernest Minstee, of HMS Ternary, and Miss Conchita Marie Castro, eldest of 68 Marble Road, North Point.

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27TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

Ceremony of Beating the Retreat will be held at

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

Chater Road Ground

FRIDAY 4TH NOV. 1949

5.15 p.m.

Admission is free and the public are asked to be in their places by 5.05 p.m.

NOTICE

There will be a Solemn Requiem High Mass at the Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road, on Monday, November 7th, at 9.00 a.m. for the repose of the souls of the Past Students of Wah Yan College who have died.

All Past Students of the College are cordially invited to attend.

NOTICE

As from today, Mr. Samuel May is no longer connected with this Company.

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November 3, 1949.

NOTICE

Meetings: Wah Yan Past Students' Monthly Luncheon (Saturday, 5th) at Catholic Club 1 p.m.

Visitor Speaker: Mr. D. W. Macintosh, O.B.E., Commissioner of Police, on "Security Problems in Hong Kong".

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

NOTICE

This Department will be closed on Monday, November 7, 1949 for all purposes except for entry and clearance of ships' manifests between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

K. KEEN, Director, Commerce & Industry.

Dated: November 1, 1949.

U.S.R.C.

A dance will be held on Saturday, November 19, 9.00 p.m.—2.00 a.m. Tickets \$5.00, now on sale, will be limited.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME

We HONGKONG TRANSPORTATION CO., LTD., Marina House, hereby give notice that in consequence of Maintaining Company nomenclature. We have applied to the Ministry of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the undermentioned vessels:

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Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONGKONG within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1949

1. Roads closed to Traffic.

The following roads will be closed to vehicular traffic from 9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. approximately, except traffic permitted in para. 4 below:

- Connaught Road Central from Pedder Street to Murray Road.
- Chater Road from Des Voeux Rd. Central to Club Street.
- Jackson Road from Des Voeux Rd. Central to Connaught Rd.
- Wardley Street north of Chater Road.
- Ice House Street between Connaught Rd. Central and Des Voeux Rd.

2. No parking.

No vehicles will be allowed to park in the undermentioned roads from 9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Overnight parkers to note in particular.

- Connaught Rd. Central from East side of Queen's Buildings to Murray Road.
- Chater Road East of Ice House Street to Club Street.
- Wardley Street North of Chater Road.
- Jackson Road from Des Voeux Road Central to Connaught Road.

3. Parking allowed.

Parking of motor cars will be allowed on the south side of Des Voeux Rd. Central from Jackson Road to Ice House Street between 9 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

4. Approach to Cenotaph.

Flag cars will approach Cenotaph via Jackson Road and park in Connaught Road Central, south side, east of Jackson Road.

Traffic diversion.

Eastbound traffic on Connaught Road Central will proceed via Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road Central, direct to Queen's Road between 9 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

November 2, 1949.

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 28 (T) OF 1949

HONG KONG WATERS

Victoria Harbour

Kowloon Bay.

Reported Obstruction

Approx. Position—148 degrees T. 25 cables from Channel Rock Beacon.

Details.—An obstruction reported with less than 25 feet M.L.W.S.

Remarks.—This position should be given a wide berth pending investigations.

Charts affected—3279.

Authority.—Marine Department, Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY, Director of Marine.

Marine Office.

Hong Kong, November 2, 1949.

BANK HOLIDAY.

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday, 7th November 1949. (The day following Remembrance Sunday).

Hong Kong, November 4, 1949.

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Education Of Children At Home

Parents ordinarily resident abroad who desire help with the education of their children in England and Wales may write to the local education authority of an area with which they or their family have had or will have connections e.g. where they lived before going abroad or where their children will go to school or spend their holidays, and apply for necessary information on the subject.

In general it can be said that the Education Act, 1944, imposed upon local education authorities the duty of considering the expediency of securing the provision of boarding accommodation either in boarding schools, or otherwise, for pupils for whom education as boarders was considered by their parents and by the authority to be desirable, and the authorities were empowered to assist with the payment of fees at boarding schools where this was necessary to avoid hardship. By the terms of the Local Education Authorities (Recoupment) Regulations, 1949, which came into operation on 1st March, the provisions of the Act extend to children whose parents are ordinarily resident for the time being outside England and Wales. Details vary with each particular case and parents are advised to write to the local education authority concerned.

With regard to secondary day schools, it is the duty of local education authorities to provide education free of cost suited to the age, ability and aptitude of all children in their area, and they are therefore obliged to provide Grammar school education for all children who have shown, on the results of their secondary school entrance tests, that they have the ability to profit by it. In the case of this type of education also the parent should apply to the local education authority for the necessary information.

The natural break between primary and secondary education comes at 11, and there seems to be no reason why children should return to England before then in order to prepare for secondary education. It must be emphasised, however, that before they can secure admission to a secondary school, children are required to pass prescribed entrance tests.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7th 1949.

We beg to inform our patrons that on the above date our hours of business will be as follows:—

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Nathan Road Branch.
Prince Edward Road Branch.

Cafe Wisconsin. Open as usual to 10.30 p.m.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Ninth Race Meeting

Saturday — 5th November, 1949.

There are nine races, the First Bell will be rung at 1.00 p.m. and the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

Thorough Tickets (9 Races—\$18) May be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" to be run at the Annual Race Meeting in January, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the "Pearce Memorial Cup" may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10, including tax, are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 10.30 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.15 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27810). NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the Gate.

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SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to ensure their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to leave the premises except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' hands.

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D K 5 4
C A 9 3 2

S 7 6
H K 10 5 3
D A 6 2
C K Q 7 6

S J 4 3
H J 9 7 2
D J 10 9 8 3
C 7

S A K 10 8 2
H A Q 4
D 7
C J 10 5 4

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

North East South West
Pass Pass 1 S Del
Rdfl 2 H Pass 3 H
Del

When that was set two tricks, the defenders taking two each in spades and diamonds and one each in hearts and clubs, it cost points—more than the value of the spade game which the not vulnerable pair could have made.

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

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The moral is that a brief exchange of information before the game could have prevented trouble. West would not have raised the 2-Hearts.

Tomorrow's Problem

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C A 7 3

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H 8 2
D A 9 5
C K Q 10

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CINEMA WORLD

SINCERE PORTRAYALS BY STARS IN ROXY ATTRACTION

Rating: *
"Britannia Mews," week-end fare at the Roxy Theatre, is an attempt to show that art teachers are definitely not to be trusted, and that girls who throw themselves at a man may well find themselves eating their heart out over a bottle of gin unless a gallant and carefree lad comes to the rescue. Although the film has a few weak spots—among them a slow-moving plot—the acting of the main stars is simple and sincere enough to warrant praise.

Dana Andrews, playing two parts, does well as the art teacher turned fortune hunter and as the noble lad who pulls Maureen O'Hara out of the morass of a London slum. His separation of the two characters is excellent. Miss O'Hara, who demonstrates again that Irish beauty is some-

century, who finds her art teacher so charming, despite his shortcomings that she promptly marries him over her parental objections.

Since the woman who has succeeded in fundamentally changing her spouse has yet to be born, Miss O'Hara soon finds herself playing second fiddle to a bottle of gin and a warped artistic ambition. Luckily for her, the flourishing artist falls to his death while in a drunken stupor, and



MAUREEN O'HARA
What Price Respectability

thing that calls for a low whistle, succeeds in imparting to her role just the right amount of pity and hardness to make her portrayal worth while. The story, in brief, concerns a well-to-do young lady of the last

The Roxy Theatre is giving a special charity performance of "Britannia Mews" on Monday, at 11.30 a.m. The entire proceeds of this show will be turned over to the Poppy Day Fund.

Miss O'Hara is hopeful of leaving Britannia Mews, slum street to which the art teacher brought his bride.

Some subtle blackmail by the Mews' "witch," however, her fast to the neighbourhood she so despises and, as the years pass, Miss O'Hara finds herself gradually becoming a part of the Mews.

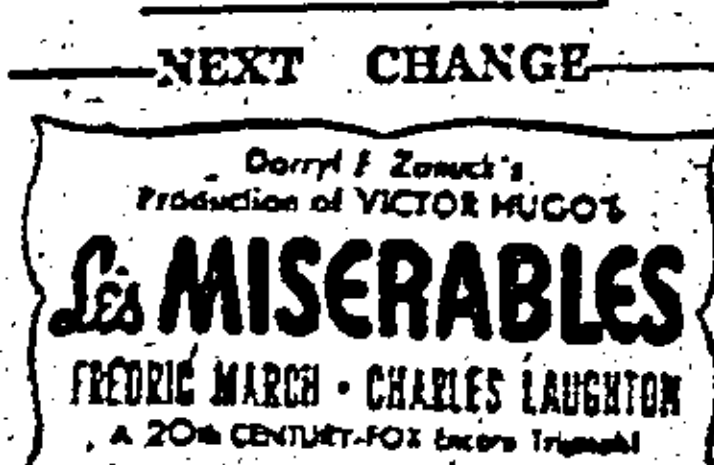
The appearance of a carefree but poor ex-lawyer (played well by Dana Andrews) changes her life, however, and, fired by his ambition and common sense, she manages to throw off the shackles of the past, and all's well that ends well.

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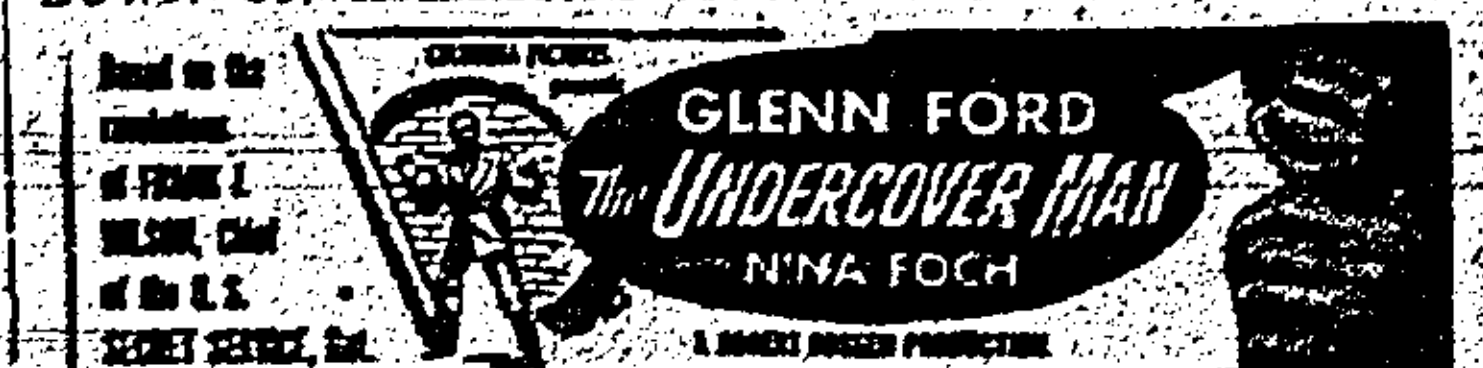


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Controversial Issue Coming To King's

Rating: * *

Out of the trouble and danger that was Germany a few years ago comes a film to dramatise the part played by the Allies in bringing Nazi criminals to justice.

It is Paramount's picturisation of the novel, "Sealed Verdict" which opens at the King's Theatre this week-end. The picture stars Ray Milland with Florence Marly, and its setting is a small city in post-war Germany during one of the many war crimes trials.

Milland is seen as the American prosecuting attorney whose responsibility it is to obtain a conviction against the Nazi general known as the "Scarface Mass Murderer of Leinbach." A role will be portrayed by John Hoyt. The conviction is obtained, with its punishment of death by hanging, but Milland suddenly begins to doubt the very basis upon which his entire testimony against the general has been based.

He is faced with the dilemma of a man, trained in Anglo-Saxon law, who knows that you cannot convict a prisoner—no matter how deserving of death he may be—except upon truthful testimony.

His doubts are inspired by the only person to testify in the General's favour—a beautiful Parisian model whose reasons for coming to the criminal's defence are shrouded in mystery. Miss Marly, lovely Continental favourite, makes her American film debut as the model who prevails upon Milland to re-open the case, an act which puts him in great disfavour with his superiors. The town's underground spreads the rumour that the General will never hang and Milland is told he will be held responsible for the chaos sure to follow in that eventuality.

Milland's emotional involvement with the beautiful Marly colours his actions and succeeds in getting him into plenty of trouble before he traps the General beyond a doubt.

(Continued From Col. 4.)

Zeb saves Doll from capture time and again as they search for her younger sister, Jane.

Unknown as Doll's companion, and meeting Bucky on friendly terms, Zeb learns that the Marshal is happily married to Jane and wants to spare her the knowledge that her sister is an outlaw. Sworn to secrecy, Zeb refuses to reveal his information to Doll—and she decides to go after Bucky herself.

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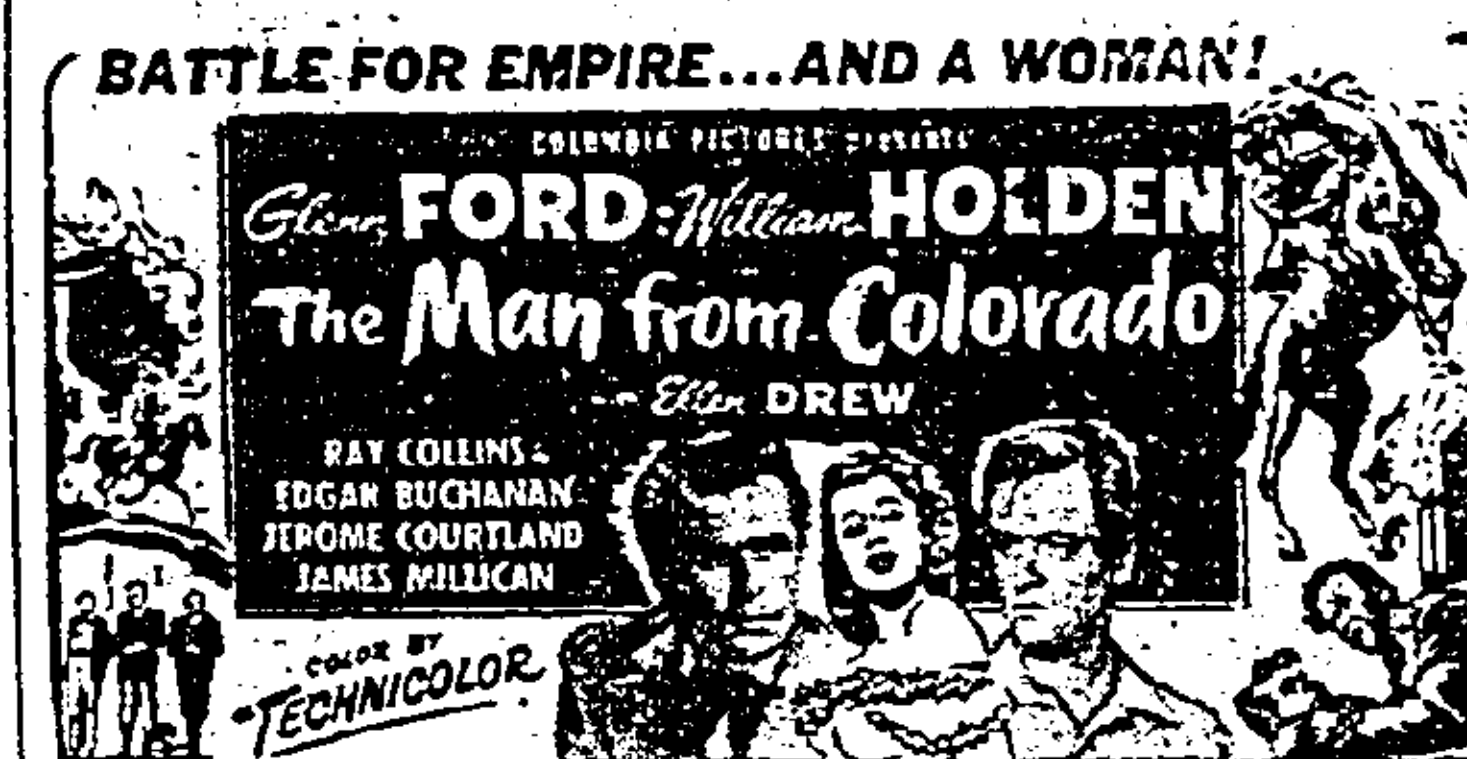
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CHINESE RED ADVANCE TO INDO-CHINA NEW PROBLEM FOR FRENCH

BRITAIN AND BAO REGIME

London, November 2.
A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain has not seriously considered recognising the regime of Emperor Bao Dai in Indo-China. He explained that Britain so far has not received a formal request for recognition and is unlikely to get one until the French Parliament ratifies the Bao Dai-Vincent Auriol pact of last March. That agreement gave Bao Dai limited sovereignty.
Britain has been under pressure from India not to recognise Bao Dai, whom the New Delhi Government regards as a "puppet".
This was made clear in a confidential memorandum sent to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, by the Indian High Commissioner to Britain, Mr. Krishna Menon.
The Foreign Office spokesman said at a daily news conference that the document "actually is a report, not a memorandum, and is unlikely to get one until the French Parliament ratifies the Bao Dai-Vincent Auriol pact of last March."
It was passed to Britain for this country's information, he said.
Britain officially welcomed the Bao Dai-Vincent Auriol pact when it was signed last March. Associated Press.

MacDonald May Visit Indo-China

Singapore, November 2.
Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner of South East Asia, today declined to comment on reports that he is to visit Indo-China after the end of the conference of British diplomatic and military officials being held here.
Although British officials and diplomats expressed interest in reports that Ho Chi Minh's Vietnamese guerrilla forces had invaded Nationalist China, they declined to comment.
Mr. David Bees-Williams, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, and Mr. M. E. Doring, of the Foreign Office, have made reports to the conference, which has been discussing events in the Far East during the past year.
Before the conference ends on Friday, it will discuss the problem of recognition of Mao Tse-tung's new Peking Government and will forward its findings to London. Associated Press.

ANGLO-U.S. NOTE REJECTED

Budapest, November 2.
Hungary most emphatically rejected the Anglo-American charges of peace treaty violations and countercharged that Britain and America were "mustering the sworn enemies of Hungarian democracy and maintaining a hostile attitude" toward Hungary.
The charges, made in a note to the Legation on Saturday and released tonight, said the American charges were "libel." United Press.

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Paris, November 2.
A high French official today said that France does not look for an attack on Indo-China when the Chinese Communist troops reach the border.

However, he said in an interview, the French expect to have to deal with smuggling attempts to send arms and supplies across the thinly-held jungle border to aid the Viet Minh Nationalists, led by Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh, who have fought a bloody four-year war against the French.

The approach of the Chinese Communists poses only one more problem for the shaky French prestige and position in the Far East.

The French apparently are as far from winning the Indo-Chinese war as ever, and amid growing criticism at home, are playing the last trump card of a disadvantageous peace with Ho.

Last March they concluded an agreement with ex-Emperor Bao Dai to set up a rival government for Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, giving Bao Dai's government considerable autonomy but keeping French control.

Bao Dai went to Indo-China last April to form his government. Although the French say it is too early to judge, he apparently has not picked up much support from Ho yet.

Cambodia and Laos, the other two Indo-Chinese provinces, are kingdoms within the French Union and co-operatively quiet, although there is some guerrilla activity in them.

Premier Georges Bidault's new Cabinet inherits the Indo-Chinese problem, and although it is composed of the same parties and almost the same men, the new Cabinet may provide an excuse for a new move on the part of the French.

Mediation Hint

The independent newspaper "Combat," usually well-informed on internal affairs, said a few days ago that the former Premier, Socialist Paul Ramadier, would probably be sent to India soon to ask Premier Nehru to negotiate a truce. This report has not been confirmed.

An official who holds a high position in the Overseas Ministry said the present French lines at the border string of forts had been set up on the assumption that there would be Chinese Communist troops on the other side. The official knew nothing of press reports that French officials had negotiated with the Chinese Nationalists for a common defence at the frontier, but said if a meeting had taken place between the French and the Chinese Nationalists, it would probably discuss what would happen to the retreating Nationalist troops at the frontier and, more especially, to their arms. The 120,000 French troops in Indo-China lack many of the modern arms they need to fight approximately 80,000 guerrillas and 100,000 regular Chinese troops.

Ho's Politics

Ho himself is evasive on the subject of whether he is a Communist now. There is a

Sharp Note To Albania

Belgrade, November 2.
In a note just short of an ultimatum, Yugoslavia, to-night sternly cautioned little Albania to live up to its treaty obligations with Marshal Tito's country.

The note demanded in the most abrupt terms that Albania "answer this note in the shortest possible time."
It listed a long series of complaints against Albania, including alleged border provocations, frontier shootings, persecution of Yugoslav citizens in Albania and espionage by Albanian agents in Yugoslavia. — Associated Press.

U.S. STRIKE DEADLOCK CONTINUES

Washington, November 2.
Hope for a break in the six-week-old coal strike was blasted today when Indiana operators refused to make a separate deal with the president of the United Mine Workers, John Lewis.

Lewis offered to talk over a contract with them after the Governor of Indiana, Henry Schricker, appealed to him to end the Indiana strike and save the state from a threatened coal shortage.

However, the operators sent back a firm rejection, refusing to break away from Northern and Western operators who ended contract talks with the mine union two weeks ago.

UMW headquarters had no immediate comment on the development.
Prospects of settlement were dealt another blow when the Southern Coal Producers Association walked out on negotiations with the Union at Bluefield, West Virginia. Producers stalked out when the UMW negotiator, the secretary-treasurer, John Owens, failed to show up.

In Cleveland, the CIO president, Philip Murray, announced willingness to negotiate "tentative" agreements to end the steel strike pending final settlements.
Details of the "tentative" agreements sought by the union were not revealed, but it was presumed they would require the steel companies to agree to match the Bethlehem steel settlement announced on Monday.

Jones and Laughlin and Republic Steel resumed contract negotiations with the union on the basis of the Bethlehem settlement. The union claimed the Bethlehem formula settlement was greater than the presidential fact-finding board's recommendations of six cents for pensions and four cent for social insurance. — United Press.

Indian Denial Of Indo-China Story

London, November 2.

Indian Embassy officials in London today denied that the Government of India had made any representations to the British Foreign Office on Indo-China.

It is mischievous, they said, to say that India is trying to urge the British Government to any particular viewpoint about the conflict between the Indo-Chinese Nationalist (Vietminh) and the French-sponsored regime of the ex-emperor, Bao Dai.

The officials did not deny that a report by the Indian Consul-General in Indo-China had reached London—as reported by Reuters yesterday—in the course of normal exchanges of information among members of the Commonwealth.

But they expressed surprise at reports purporting to give the contents of a "secret memorandum" from the Indian Government. They said that it was common practice for Commonwealth countries to exchange information on various matters of common interest.

This was a two-way matter. The Indian Government passed on any information it might receive through diplomatic channels to the British Government if

U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY TO VISIT JAPAN

Washington, November 2.

The Secretary of Treasury, Mr. James Snyder, is planning to inspect Coastguard facilities across the Pacific this month—and in the process will talk with General Douglas MacArthur and his financial advisers in Tokyo.

Although the Treasury declined to discuss the trip, his visit to Tokyo November 17 will come when occupation authorities are studying means of adjusting Japan's foreign exchange rates to bring a better balance between Japanese exports and imports.

Mr. Snyder doubtless will confer with Mr. Joseph Dodge and other American trade and financial experts now in Tokyo.

The U.S. is interested in increasing Japanese exports so that Japan's sales abroad will earn enough to pay for her imports. Since the war, the U.S. has had to pay vast sums in a virtual subsidy for food and other imports into Japan, because Japanese exports were not great enough to pay for these foreign goods.

At General MacArthur's request, the International Monetary Fund, in which Mr. Snyder has an influential role, recently sent two experts to help authorities there find ways of improving Japan's present complicated system of foreign exchange rates.

Mr. Snyder is credited with having had a large part in the currency which preceded the wave of foreign currency devaluations begun by Britain on September 18.

He had visited Britain and the European continent a few weeks earlier.

Yen Rate

His coming visit to Tokyo raised speculation over whether the yen might be devalued, but Army authorities sharply refused to comment on this.

The Army continues to study yen problems arising from the British devaluation of the pound, but guards against giving any indication of what trend the studies may take. The official position is that no devaluation is being considered.

Mr. Snyder's schedule: Departure about November 11, visit Seattle November 13, Juneau November 15 to 15, Adak November 15, Tokyo November 17 to 20, Manila November 20 to 23, Guam November 23 to 24, Wake November 24, Honolulu November 24 to 26, and return to San Francisco November 27 or 28. — Associated Press.

RIOTING TAKES HEAVY TOLL

Bogota, November 2.
The newspaper "El Liberal," estimated today that 235 persons were killed in political riots in Colombia's Western mountains within the last 24 hours.

The newspaper based its estimate on official and private reports of fighting at eight points in Central and Western Colombia. The worst outbreak occurred at Ansermave in the Southern province of Valle.

"El Liberal" said that 150 persons were killed and 300 injured in the new outbreak at Ansermave. — United Press.

It thought such information was of common interest.
Similarly the British Foreign Office would pass on to the Indian Foreign Office notes on various subjects.
The officials said that in the normal course the Indian Government might have sent to the British Foreign Office whatever reports they might be getting of the situation in Indo-China as part of the Commonwealth understanding, but it was totally wrong to describe such communication as a memorandum or representations. — Reuters.

FINNISH PREMIER ON RUSSIA

London, November 2.

Helsinki Radio reported today that Karl Fagerholm, Social Democrat Prime Minister of Finland, told a congress of his Party in Helsinki. "The most important object in our foreign policy is friendship with our great neighbour, the Soviet Union."

"The fact that Social Democrats have fought against Communism in our country does not minimise our contribution towards establishing good relations with the Soviet Union," he was quoted as saying.

M. Fagerholm denied that Finland was negotiating with the Western Powers.

"The Government has not received any proposals whatever of a political nature from the Western Powers and we have nothing to hide," he said.

Finland had followed with great interest the discussions for a Scandinavian defence pact as an alternative to the Atlantic Pact for the northern nations.

"The Finns are convinced that it would have been best if Scandinavia had refrained from joining the Atlantic Pact," he declared, "but Denmark and Norway decided to participate in it and it is not our business to express criticism."

"However, we are greatly pleased that Sweden decided to stay neutral."

M. Fagerholm announced that the Government would hand in its resignation on March 1, when the new Finnish President takes office.

This is in accordance with tradition. — Reuters.

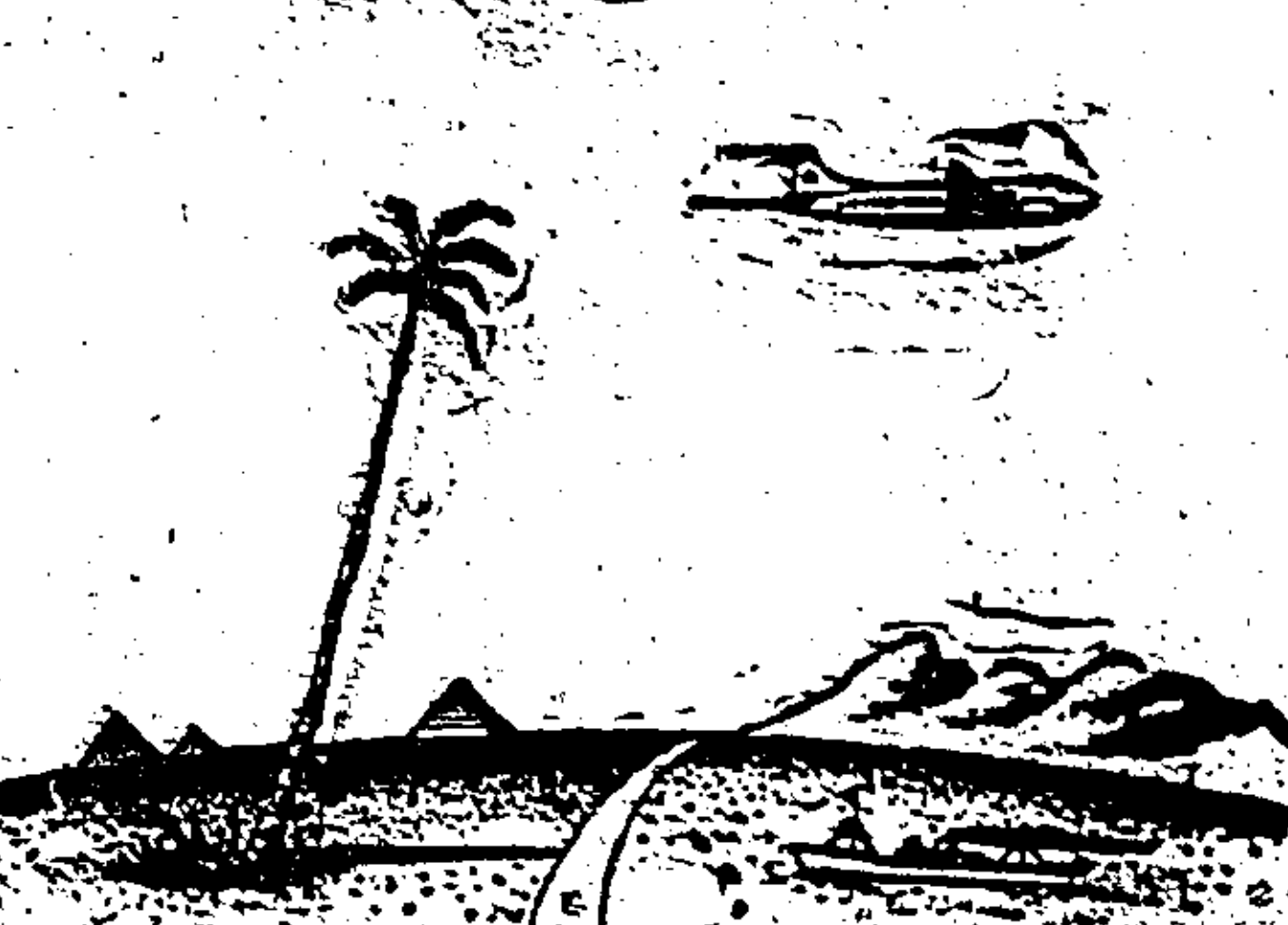
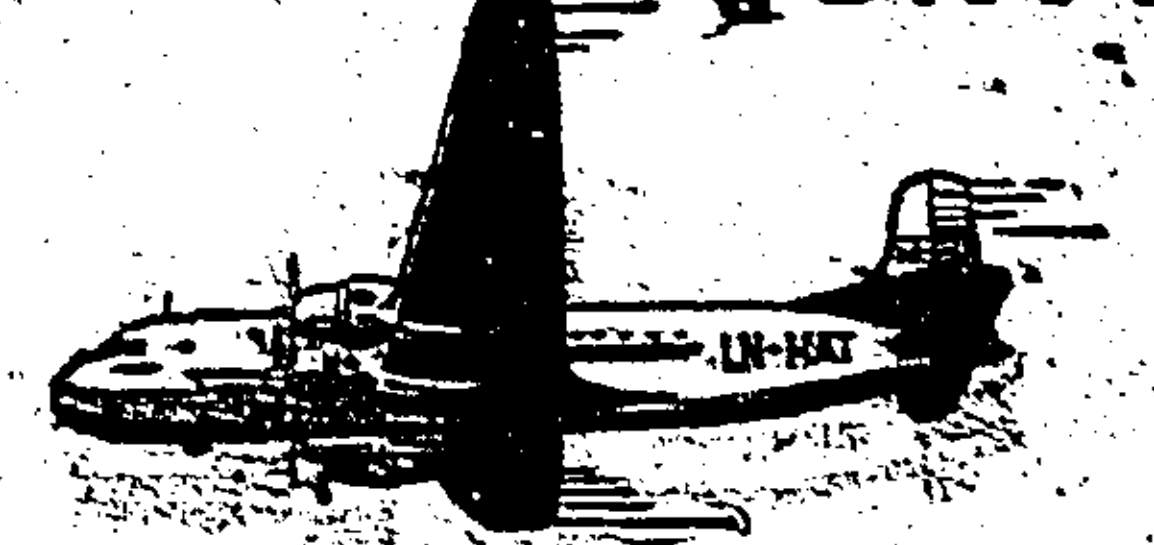
REDS REJECT U.S. REQUESTS

Washington, November 2.
The State Department said today that the Communists have rejected all demands for the release of Mr. Angus Ward, U.S. Consul at Mukden, arrested on charges of beating a Chinese employee of the Consulate.

The Department spokesman, Michael McDermott, said the Vice Consul, Mr. William Stokes, in a message to the State Department said that he has been unable even to get permission to visit Mr. Ward and the four other Consulate employees gaoled with him.

Mr. Stokes reported that he had received and filled requests for food, heavy clothing and bedding from a Consulate clerk, Ralph Rehberg, and two European members of the Consulate staff. Mr. Stokes expressed anxiety for the health of the detained men due to the impending onset of the severe winter weather. — United Press.

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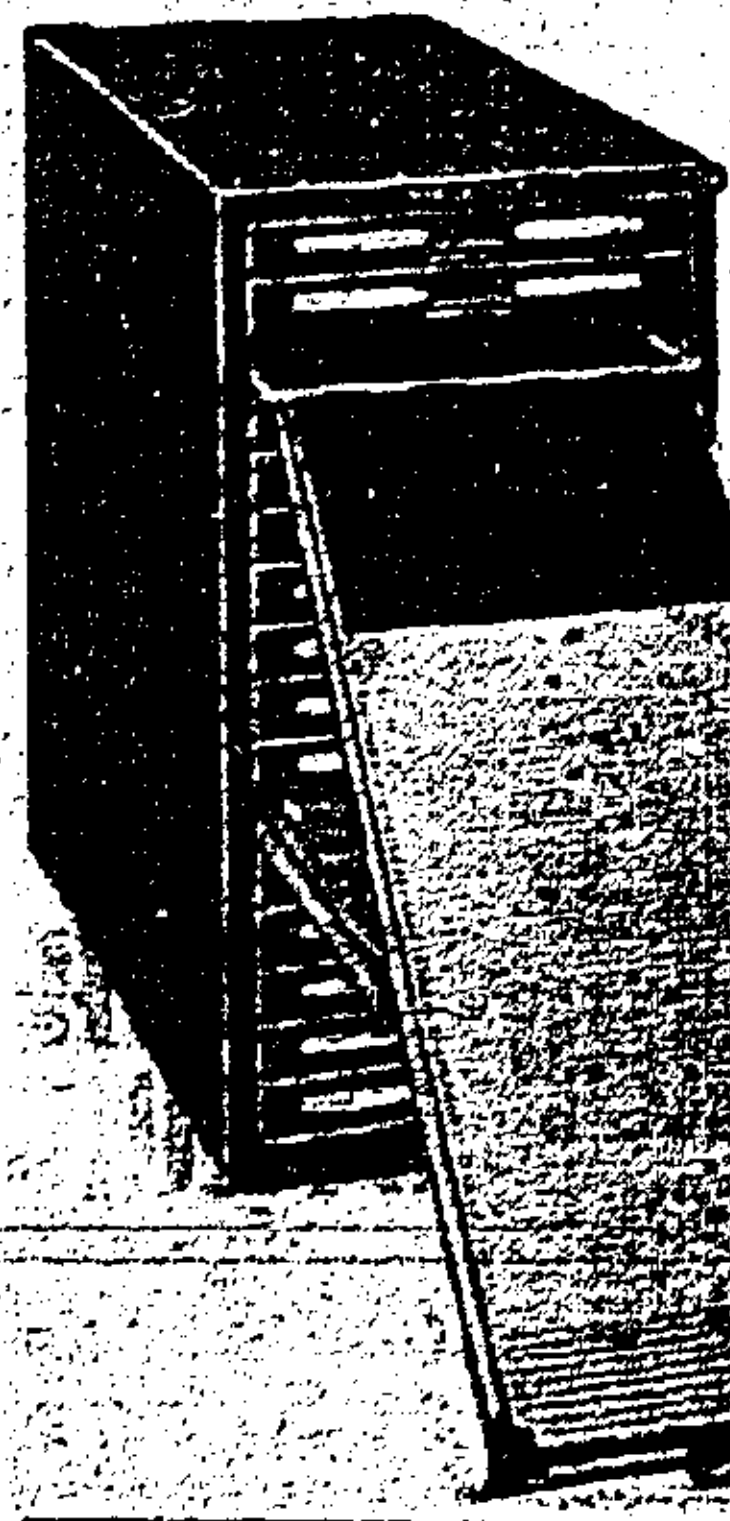
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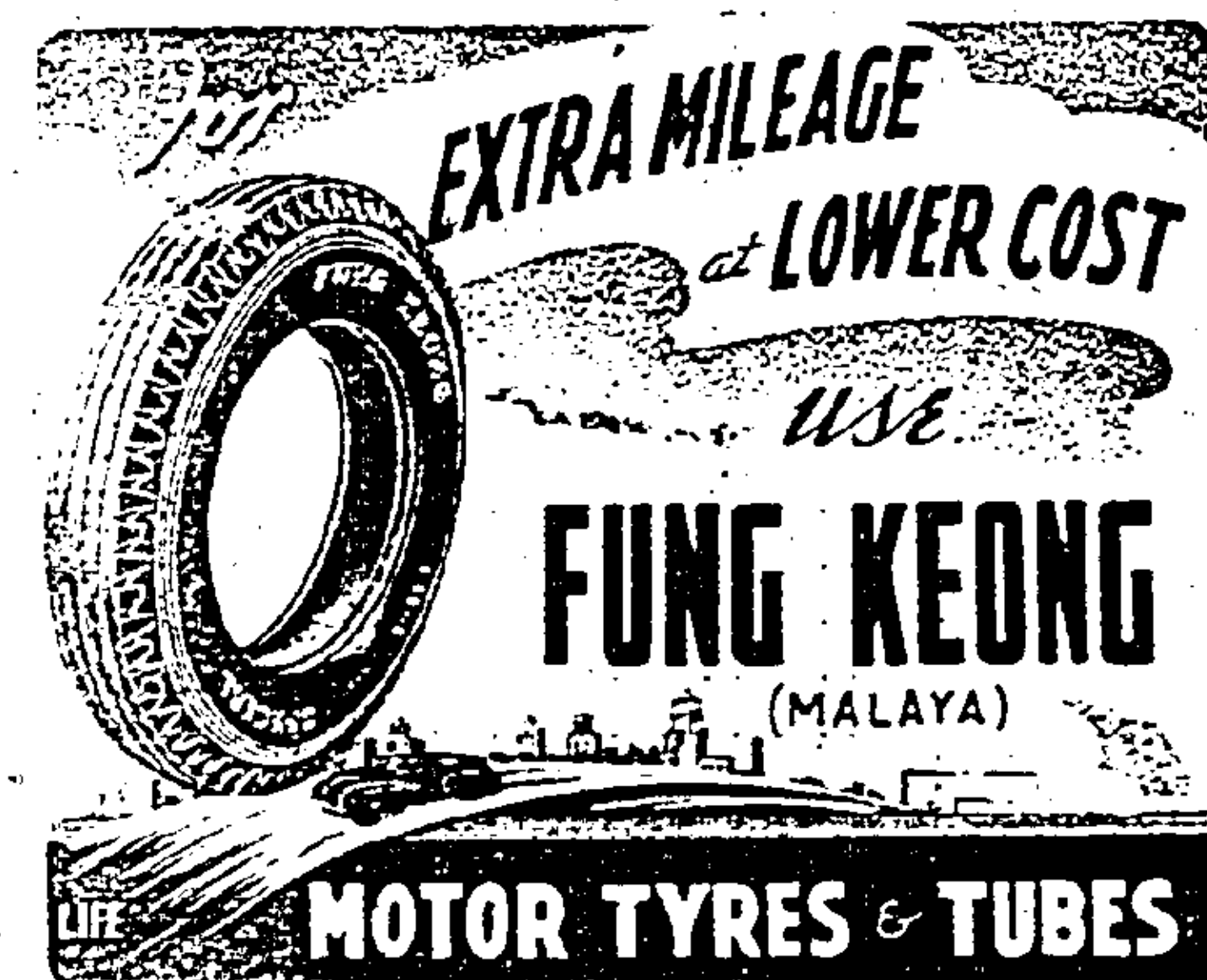


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NEW CHINESE REGIME MUST PROVE ITSELF

San Francisco, November 2.
Britain's decision on whether to recognise Communist China must depend on how the new government establishes itself in China and how it behaves.
The British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, said this today.

Lack Of Unity In KMT Camp

Chungking, November 3.
The Nationalists have to end squabbles among themselves and work together as a team, before they can ever hope to retrieve their desperate fortunes.

Everyone in Chungking, from Acting President Li Tsung-jen down, admits that but much remains to be done before unity can be achieved.

Although high quarters here report that rumours still persist that Chiang Kai-shek might actively resume the Presidency of China.

Chiang who is expected in Chungking sometime this week is still in Taiwan.
At the suggestion of the Ministry of Finance Premier Yen Hsishan has appointed the former Premier, T. V. Soong, and H. Kung, chairman of committees being formed, abroad to sell war bonds for the Nationalist cause.

This might be a subtle way of suggesting that they disgorge some of their wealth to the Government in which they used to wield so much influence.

The Legislative Yuan, the Nationalist parliament, decided to reassemble in Chungking on November 11.—Associated Press.

Dr. Anton Brunn, leader of the expedition, said that he will employ special fishing apparatus, going down to a depth of 30,000 feet or more.

The expedition will use the 1,305-ton vessel Friendship, of the World Friendship Association, which has been re-named Galathea.

Scientists from the United States, Britain, New Zealand, India and Sweden may be invited to accompany the expedition at various stages. Dr. Brunn refused to disclose their names, saying that plans for the expedition were not yet finally settled.—Reuter.

"Certainly there will be consultations with our friends, if not agreement, on recognising the Red regime," he added at a Press conference.

Sir Oliver said Britain's attitude toward China is somewhat different from that of the United States in that "our state is a commercial and therefore bigger than yours, which is tied closely to your educators and missionaries."

As to next year's British elections, the 44-year-old diplomat said there would be little likelihood of a change in foreign policy if the Conservatives regain power, or even if the Liberals should win, for that matter.



Sir Oliver Franks

Nationalisation

"There is no chance that even if the Liberals get into office, there would be any line-up with Soviet Russia," he said.

As to domestic issues, Sir Oliver said the Conservatives have no intention of undoing some of the nationalisation of industries already in effect.

"Don't forget the health programme was worked out during the war by the coalition government. The Conservatives criticise only our methods of putting it into effect."

Sir Oliver is on a tour to "learn more about America"—Associated Press.

Husband Guilty But Insane

Gloucester, November 2.
A former Army captain who strangled or suffocated his wife, poured petrol over her, then set fire to her, was found guilty of murder but insane at the Assizes here today.

He was George Stephen Wynne Peel, aged 40, of Cheltenham, England.

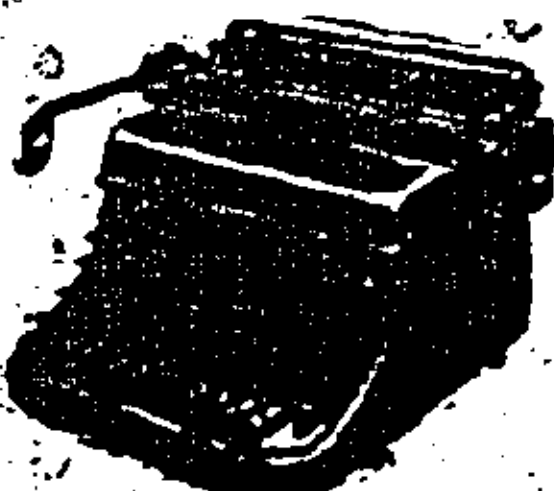
The police said that Peel told them: "My wife will be alive if I can go to her. I cannot tell the police. I can only explain that this started in the Garden of Eden."

She was inducing me to swallow sleeping tablets, and this, I was determined to resist, for fear that the forces of evil should finally prevail in the world.

"In a flash I saw that courageous and desperate action must be taken at once, and one life must be sacrificed in order that many may survive."

The judge directed that Peel be detained in Broadmoor Lunatic Asylum.—Reuter.

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No Decision Taken Yet On Recognition

London, November 2.
The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Christopher Mayhew, indicated today that Britain had not yet reached a decision on the recognition of the Chinese Communist government.

Asked if he would make a statement on the question of British recognition of the Chinese Communist government, Mr. Mayhew said he had nothing further to add to the statement which the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, made on the subject on October 19.

At that time, Mr. Bevin told the House of Commons that the British Government had reached no decision and proposed to consult with other friendly governments before doing so.—United Press.

American Consumption Of Rubber

Washington, November 2.
United States manufacturers used 75,503 long tons of new rubber in September compared with 79,726 tons in August, according to a preliminary report by the Commerce Department.

The September total was 16.9 per cent below the 90,843 tons consumed in September 1948. The drop was largely the result of a strike against one principal fabricator.

In the first nine months this year, 735,317 tons of new rubber were used, a decline of 9.4 per cent from the 811,540 tons consumed in the same period last year.

In September, 43,372 tons of natural rubber including latex were consumed compared with 45,307 tons in August and 52,458 tons in September 1948.

September consumption of synthetic rubbers totalled 32,131 tons compared with 34,419 tons in August and 38,265 tons in September 1948. Production of synthetic rubbers in September totalled 30,976 tons compared with 33,883 tons in August and 37,616 tons in September 1948.

Reclaimed rubber production of 18,300 tons in September compared with 17,813 tons in August. September consumption was 18,412 tons.

Total natural rubber stocks in the United States available to industry at the end of September were 99,815 tons, compared with 99,770 tons at the end of August.—Associated Press.

JAP EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION

Tokyo, November 3.
The formation of an Exporters Association to exercise self-supervision over Japanese exporters and prevent defaulting in the aftermath of abolition of export floor prices is being planned by the Japanese Government, according to the Japanese Press today.

The suggestion is reported to have originated in General MacArthur's Headquarters and passed on to the Ministry of Trade and Industry this week.

If such a system is made workable, backers of the plan believe it will eliminate much of the criticism being levied against the elimination of minimum prices.—Reuter.

Liverpool, November 2.
The First Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers marched aboard the troopship Empress of Australia at Liverpool today bound for the West Indies. The Battalion returned from Singapore only six weeks ago.—Reuter.

BRITAIN FAVOURS RED PARTICIPATION IN JAPAN PEACE TREATY

London, November 2.
Britain favours inviting the Soviet Union and the new Chinese Communist government — when it is recognised — to participate in writing a peace treaty for Japan, British informants said today.
However, Britain is ready to proceed with a peace conference without them if they will not agree to the British-American plans.

Britain and the U.S. will soon raise the question of inviting all members of the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission (FEC) to a treaty conference on a definite date, it was reported.

Such a conference has been delayed since 1947 by disagreement among the big powers on how to go about it.

The U.S. and Britain want the 11 nations to do the whole job. Russia insists that the Big Five—Russia, U.S., Britain, France and China—draft the treaty and submit it afterwards to a conference of all powers who fought Japan.

Since then, the Chinese Communist people's regime at Peking has been established and Russia and her satellites have recognised it. At the same time, they have withdrawn recognition from the Chinese Nationalist Government.

Britain May Move

Presumably, Russia would now insist on the Communists representing China at any peace conference.

Britain may move considerably sooner than the United States in recognising the Chinese Communists if they continue to take over Chinese territory.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is known to have told associates recently that the British cannot wait for Russia.

Britain feels that her trade will prosper better in Japan if the military occupation administered by General Douglas MacArthur ends.

New Trade Pact

Official sources said today that a £135,000,000 trade agreement between Japan and the sterling area is ready to be signed in a few days.

The one-year agreement was negotiated with General MacArthur's staff with the aid of the Japanese Government.

It provides for elimination of a £10,000,000 trade deficit with Japan last year which otherwise would have to be paid in dollars.

The main item Japan will supply under the agreement is raw silk. Since the war, Britain has been supplying her silk industry from the United States. This took dollars in return for silk, textiles, toys and bicycles to Britain, Australia, India, Pakistan and Burma. Japan will receive petroleum, wool, rice, salt, machinery and consumer goods.—Associated Press.

NEHRU DENIES MEDIATION

San Francisco, November 2.
Indian Premier, Pandit Nehru denied here today that he plans to attempt to mediate a settlement of the "cold war" between Russia and the West.

Describing reports that he did plan such action as "entirely unreal," the Indian leader now touring North America said: "One must be a tremendous optimist to think that such an approach can settle disputes between great nations."

He also denied that he would favour an invitation to join a non-Communist South East Asia Union.—Associated Press.

Czech Amnesty Extended

Prague, November 2.
The Czechoslovak Government announced today an extension of the amnesties for priests and others accused of offences in connection with Church matters.

The amnesties would go beyond President Gottwald's pardon of 127 priests accused of criminal activity. The Cabinet announced that threatened proceedings would be stopped in cases where the persons concerned made applications to the Ministry of the Interior. This was understood to mean that priests and others who have been threatened with charges could apply to have them stopped.

Conditions were not stated, but it was assumed that they would be required to accept the state salary payments provided in the new Church law and to take an oath of loyalty to the regime.

The Cabinet also decided to issue pardons and remit fines in prison terms in cases where Church officials had already been sentenced but where the sentences had not been executed.

The Cabinet's announcement gave no figures of Churchmen who might be affected by the extension of the amnesty.—Reuter.

NEW ISLAND IN PACIFIC

Honolulu, November 2.
A new Pacific island was reported today—so new in fact that it has not been christened, or even claimed.

An airline pilot said he saw the island rise in a volcanic eruption in the New Hebrides group, 3,600 miles South West of Hawaii.

It is not unusual for islands in the Pacific to rise—and disappear—owing to volcanic eruption.

Britain has had a nasty time keeping a check on its Falcon Island, 2,600 miles South West of Hawaii.

Since 1865, Falcon has appeared and disappeared four times.—Associated Press.

UK STATEMENTS ON JAP PRICES

London, November 2.
Harold Wilson, chairman of the British Board of Trade, was asked in the House of Commons whether the British Government was consulted before General MacArthur announced the abolition of floor prices for all Japanese exports except silk.

In a written reply, Mr. Wilson stated, "We were informed about two weeks ago before the Supreme Commander's announcement that this step was contemplated but our answer was not requested and not required. I am considering whether there is need to make representation to the Supreme Commander and whether safeguards in regard to dumping and unfair practices should be strengthened."—United Press.

CHINESE FUNDS IN AMERICA

New York, November 2.
Banking circles reported today that efforts by the Chinese Communists to draw on their bank accounts here in the name of the Bank of China have so far run into a blank wall.

They said that cabled demands for the recognition of the legitimacy of the Communist claims to an estimated \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 in the banks here have been ignored by the banks.

They continue to honour the signature of bank officials who held posts in the Bank of China before the Communist seizure of Shanghai.

The circles said the banks are taking refuge under the New York statute which says that new signatures on claims against funds of the banks in occupied territory need not be honoured.

Whether this will affect the Chinese funds in other banks across the country was not known since they are guided by individual state law.

The statute provides, however, that new claimants may draw money by posting a bond equal to the withdrawal, protecting the bank against possible loss.

The bankers here said that so far the Communist authorities have not offered to put up bonds or other securities as a basis for their claims.—United Press.

British Troops Stay In Akaba

London, November 2.
The Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told the House of Commons today that he did not think that the withdrawal of British troops from Akaba, Jordan port on the Red Sea, would be helpful at this stage.

"I think it would be more likely to be unsettling," he added. Dr. Samuel Segal, Labour, had suggested that in view of the decision to withdraw British troops from Greece it would be a helpful gesture to withdraw them from Akaba.

Mr. Mayhew said that he had no doubt that Jordan still wished to have the troops there. They had been at Akaba since January 7, 1949, at the request of the Jordan Government and in fulfilment of Britain's obligations under the Anglo-Jordan treaty of 1949.

(A British Foreign Office spokesman said at the time that that British troops were sent to Akaba for the specific purpose of preventing any development which might cause Britain to become involved in the Palestine conflict).—Reuter.

Melbourne, November 2.
A combined fleet from the Australian and New Zealand Navies sailed from Melbourne today for combined exercises off the New South Wales coast.—Reuter.

Dead Men's Watches Shared By Troops

Hamburg, November 2.
The watches of executed Jews were distributed to officers and men of the German Army serving in Russia, the military court trying former Field Marshal Erich von Manstein on war crimes charges was told today.

Von Manstein told the Chief Prosecutor, Sir Arthur Comyns Carr, that he did not remember asking the S.D. (Special Action Squads) for watches, but it was possible he had done so.

Sir Arthur cited an S.D. document saying that 1,000 Jews were to be executed in the Crimean city of Simferopol, where Marshal Manstein's troops were quartered.

"Do you mean to tell us that you did know of the execution of these Jews?" Sir Arthur asked. Manstein said he had not heard of it at that time.

He denied issuing orders for the execution of Jews and expressed regret that such things happened.

"However, I do not regret any of my orders at that time," he added.

The trial was adjourned today to allow the defence to prepare for Manstein's further re-examination tomorrow.

The white-haired, half-blind, 62-year-old defendant, who is on 17 charges, had latterly shown strain under the prosecution's five-and-a-half days' cross-examination. He had spent nine days in the witness box.

Sir Arthur Comyns Carr, chief prosecutor, questioned him for 90 minutes this morning.

Military police and British security officers had to push back the large German crowd waiting outside the Court house for Manstein's appearance.

Some of them, including those who had followed his trial from the public galleries since it began on August 23, took off their hats and waved when he drove up inside a British Army staff car.—Associated Press and Reuter.

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RENEWED AID FOR INDONESIA

Washington, November 2. Renewed aid to Indonesia is expected to follow the launching of the new United States of Indonesia.

Officials said the signing of the formal agreement between the Netherlands and the Indonesian Republic made 70,000,000 Indonesians again eligible for ECA assistance.

Such assistance was terminated nearly a year ago when the Dutch Army launched a "police action" which caused fighting in Java and Sumatra.

The ECA has before it, for early consideration, a proposal that Indonesia be given an ECA grant of \$37,000,000 before December 31.

By then, the new State is to be in full charge of its own affairs and will then become ineligible for ECA help.

Assistance meanwhile would be extended as before through the Netherlands Government.

The Netherlands-Indonesian agreement was hailed by officials here as a triumph principally for United Nations and American diplomacy.

The U.S. particularly has been pressing for settlement in the hope that Indonesia may become a strong bulwark for Western democracy in South East Asia and thus stem the advance of Communism in that part of the world.—Associated Press.

Communists Expel An Ex-Minister

London, November 2. Sofia Radio reported today that the former Bulgarian Finance Minister, M. Petko Kunin, has been expelled from the Communist Party because he made a speech recently trying to "minimise the crime of Traicho Kostov."

Traicho Kostov was a former Deputy Premier who is reported to be standing trial soon on treason charges.

M. Kunin was relieved of his Ministerial office early in October by order of the Presidium of the Bulgarian National Assembly.

His expulsion from the Communist Party was today approved unanimously at a meeting of his constituency, Sofia Radio said.—Reuter.

Manpower Crisis In Mining Industry

London, November 2.

Threatened with a new manpower crisis in the mining industry, the British Government is considering the removal of the "ring fence" round the industry, which prevents any man leaving the pits until he is 50.

Mining experts have suggested to the Government that this restriction is a deterrent to young men who might otherwise become coal miners. The question is at present being examined by the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

With only two months to the end of the year, for which a target figure of 736,000 miners has been fixed, the total manpower today is lower than at any time since the spring of 1947.

The pre-war manpower force in the mines was 778,000, of whom 618,000 were underground workers.

A full-scale recruiting campaign after the war brought the total to 727,400 last February, but by July it had fallen to 720,958, by September to 714,713, and now to 709,500.

The serious aspect of this drain is that the more experienced men, many of them key men at the coal-face, form the biggest part of those leaving the industry.

They do either because of ill-health or because they have reached the age limit. The present regulations permit a recruit to withdraw from the industry at any time during his initial three months' training, but after that he is tied until he is 50.

The men in the mines are producing more coal each shift than ever before—104 per cent of the 1937 average.—British is the only country in Europe to exceed pre-war productivity.—Reuter.

The Hague, November 2. The United States of Indonesia carved out of the wealthy East Indies today, gives promise of peace and independence to millions of Asiatics the Dutch have governed since 1602. Representatives of the Netherlands and 70,000-000 Indonesians scratched their signatures to agreements giving equal partnership to the new state in a tight union with the Dutch. Queen Juliana and her successors will stand as the symbol of the union.

The Dutch agreed "unconditionally and irrevocably" to transfer complete sovereignty to the young Republic not later than December 30. The Dutch and Indonesian Parliaments must first approve. Both are expected to do so, but the vote may be close. They must vote within six weeks.

The Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Willem Drees, who was one of the signers, said he was confident of parliamentary ratification by the necessary two-thirds vote. He promised Dutch aid to the new state.

Dr. Mohammed Hatta, the Prime Minister of the Indonesian Republic and one of the signatories, regarded the day's events with optimism.

A Dominion

"On this historic moment," he said, "the Indonesian people will feel a great relief. Today it will be made officially known that the colonial regime over Indonesia will disappear and a new order, come into being."

The proposed union gives Indonesia a position similar to a dominion in the British Commonwealth. But trade, military, foreign relations and cultural agreements signed today leave her more closely tied to the Dutch apron strings than are the Dominions to Britain.

The Dutch promise to back the new state for membership in the United Nations. It was hoped that the emergence of the Republic will silence the guns of revolution which have stirred the islands since the Dutch returned after world war two. Inspired by a flame for independence, Indonesian Republicans have waged sporadic war against Dutch forces for four years.

The statute creating the union provides for withdrawal of all Dutch forces within the first six months of next year, if shipping permits.

A one-year limit was set for withdrawal of the Dutch Navy. The great naval base at Sourabaya, Java, will remain provisionally under the Dutch. When Indonesia finally emerges as completely independent, the base will have a Dutch commander responsible to the Indonesian Government under the Indonesian flag.

Foreign Policy

The partners will maintain their own foreign relations and define their own foreign policies, but will try to co-ordinate them.

The fledgling Government will shoulder a debt of 4,300,000,000 guilders. But it will not have to repay its external debt to the Netherlands.

Its official name will be "Republika Indonesia Serikat," which means "Republic of the United States of Indonesia." Its capital will be in Batavia, Java.

Both sides hailed the agreements as the dawn of a new era in the Indies—but the Indonesians tempered their enthusiasm somewhat. Dr. Hatta said: "New Guinea is still a matter of dispute and an endeavour shall be made to solve this question in 1950, the year following the transfer of sovereignty."

A New Era

The Indonesians had wanted to include Dutch New Guinea in the new United States of Indonesia. Rather than permit the 10-week-old round-table conference to fail, they agreed that New Guinea should remain under Dutch control for another year, pending further discussions with the Dutch.

In his opening address, Dr. Drees stressed the historical importance of the day to the Dutch and Indonesian peoples and to the world.

Jubilant Dutch and Indonesian delegates said the new agreement may herald a new era of prosperity for South East Asia. The revolutionary war has stagnated development of the islands—rubber, oil, tin, sugar, spices and other raw materials. Four years of chaos in the Indies had denied the world much of this.

A Netherlands spokesman said: "With a view to reaching an understanding fully acceptable to both sides, the Netherlands has made every effort to meet the Indonesians even more than half way. In this endeavour we found understanding and a co-operative spirit with the other party."—Reuter and Associated Press.

Germany Backs Free Trading

Bonn, November 2.

Western Germany is ready to take an active part in free international trade, Professor Ludwig Erhard, the West German Economic Minister, told Reuter today.

Professor Erhard, who is leaving next Tuesday for a week's visit to Paris, added that Western Germany expected to be granted the same conditions at the outset as other countries.

He said that continued dismantling and the artificial limitation of the German industrial capacity did not conform with the principles urged by Mr. Paul Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator.

Professor Erhard, who is expected to meet French, British, American economic and political leaders, industrialists and bankers in Paris on his visit, said that he regarded the free convertibility of the Deutsche Mark and of all currencies of the Marshall Plan countries as the goal of all economic and trade policy measures.—Reuter.

Batavia Reaction To News

Batavia, November 2.

Silent groups tonight gathered around radios in every club, cafe and hotel in Batavia listening to The Hague broadcast of the plenary session of the conference called to decide the future of Indonesia.

In a few kerb-side cafes in the working class quarters small groups of students sang the Indonesian National Anthem and shouted "Merdeka, Merdeka" (Liberty).

In some hotels a few Dutch women wept bitterly and a group of Dutch soldiers sang the Netherlands marching songs outside barracks gates.

Unmoved by the event was Batavia's 200,000-strong Chinese community. Night life continued uninterrupted in the Chinese quarter.

No incident has so far been reported from Jogjakarta, the Republican capital.—Reuter.

PLAN FOR LIBYA REJECTED

Lake Success, November 2.

The spokesman for the British delegation today said the plan for an independent Libya, as drafted by the United Nations sub-committee here, would in effect set up "rival administrations" in the former Italian colony, and he served notice that Britain would ask a revision.

The Libyan proposal, together with recommendations on Eritrea and Somaliland, was completed by the sub-committee yesterday and may be debated in the full Political Committee later this week. The sub-committee recommended a six-nation advisory council to assist in carrying out the independence plan.

The British spokesman said Britain felt this provision, as now drafted, might complicate the problem of administration, for which Britain is responsible until a local government is established.

"Wrangling and intrigue might result, which would postpone achievement of independence," he said.

He emphasised that Britain approved the proposal in principle and considered the question of the powers to be given the advisory council merely a detail, although a somewhat important one.

He said Britain also questioned the provisions of the resolution which call for a "unified" independent Libya. He contended that this might not be in accordance with the wishes of the people.

He urged that residents of the three major areas of Libya—Tripolitania, Fezzan and Cyrenaica—be given an opportunity to say whether they desire to unite, federate or perhaps set up separate states.

"The plan at present dictates unity to the three areas," he added. "We feel the principle of unity should not be imposed arbitrarily."—United Press.

FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS

Hamburg, November 2.

The West German Chancellor, Herr Konrad Adenauer, said today that the hereditary enmity between France and Germany must be erased.

In an interview with the Hamburg weekly "Die Zeitung," Herr Adenauer said he was determined to make improvement of Franco-German relations the pivot of his policy.

He said: "A Federal Chancellor must at the same time be a good German and a good European. As I wish to be both I must strive for Franco-German understanding."—United Press.

United Nations Applaud The Hague Agreement

Lake Success, November 2.

The announcement of the successful conclusion of The Hague round-table conference on Indonesia was greeted with applause at a special plenary session of the United Nations General Assembly here today.

The Assembly met briefly to approve the transfer of certain items, including that of Indonesia, from the Political Committee to the Special Ad Hoc Committee.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, M. Dmitri Manuilsky, of the Ukraine, and Dr. Vladimir Clementis, of the Foreign Ministry of Czechoslovakia, did not join in the applause at the announcement made by Dr. C.J. Van Heuven Goedhart, Vice-Chairman of the Netherlands delegation.

Mr. Warren Austin, head of the United States delegation, declared: "A little less than a year ago, fighting was in progress between the Netherlands and the Republic of Indonesia, but today a major step has been taken towards a peaceful political settlement."

"The agreement reached at the Council table is a tribute to the spirit of the United Nations which inspired the parties, as well as the United Nations Commission which assisted in reaching this successful result."

"There is much more to be done, such as the ratification of the agreement and the transfer of sovereignty on January 1, but today's heartening and concrete result gives us high hopes for the future."

"This agreement should strengthen the forces of peace and progress throughout all of Asia."

Sir Benegal Narasing Rau, Chairman of the Indian delegation to the United Nations said, in an exclusive interview with the Netherlands Indies news agency tonight, "It is a matter of special satisfaction to India to hear that there has been a settlement of the Indonesian question."

Netherlands could only have been solved by force of arms.

New Guinea

"We are grateful to Australia and India for having brought the Indonesian question before the Security Council and the General Assembly."

"It was mainly through the efforts of the Security Council and its organs, the former Good Offices Committee and the present UN Commission for Indonesia, that most of the controversies between the Netherlands and Indonesia have been straightened out."

"But we should not forget the significance of the fact that the Indonesian question was included in the agenda of the General Assembly. Merely the fact that this was the case has served to bring about a quick conclusion of the dispute."

"However, the question of New Guinea is still pending. We Indonesians want to have West New Guinea, which is part of Indonesia, sharing in our sovereignty. This question is now a matter of dispute between the Netherlands and the republic of the United States of Indonesia. It is only natural that the UN will continue its work as mediator in this dispute."—Reuter and United Press.

India's Influence

"As everybody knows, India took a prominent, indeed a leading part in the Asian conference in New Delhi at the beginning of this year, and the deliberations of the conference materially influenced the subsequent course of events."

"India may indeed claim that they marked the starting point of the negotiations that culminated in the present settlement."

"We should like to congratulate both the Governments of the Netherlands and Republicans and Federalists of Indonesia on this satisfactory conclusion."

In a statement issued today, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Trygve Lie, said: "The UN Commission for Indonesia has given valuable assistance in helping to bring about the agreement reached at The Hague today. I congratulate all parties concerned. Once more, the United Nations' way of conciliation and mediation has proved its value to the world."

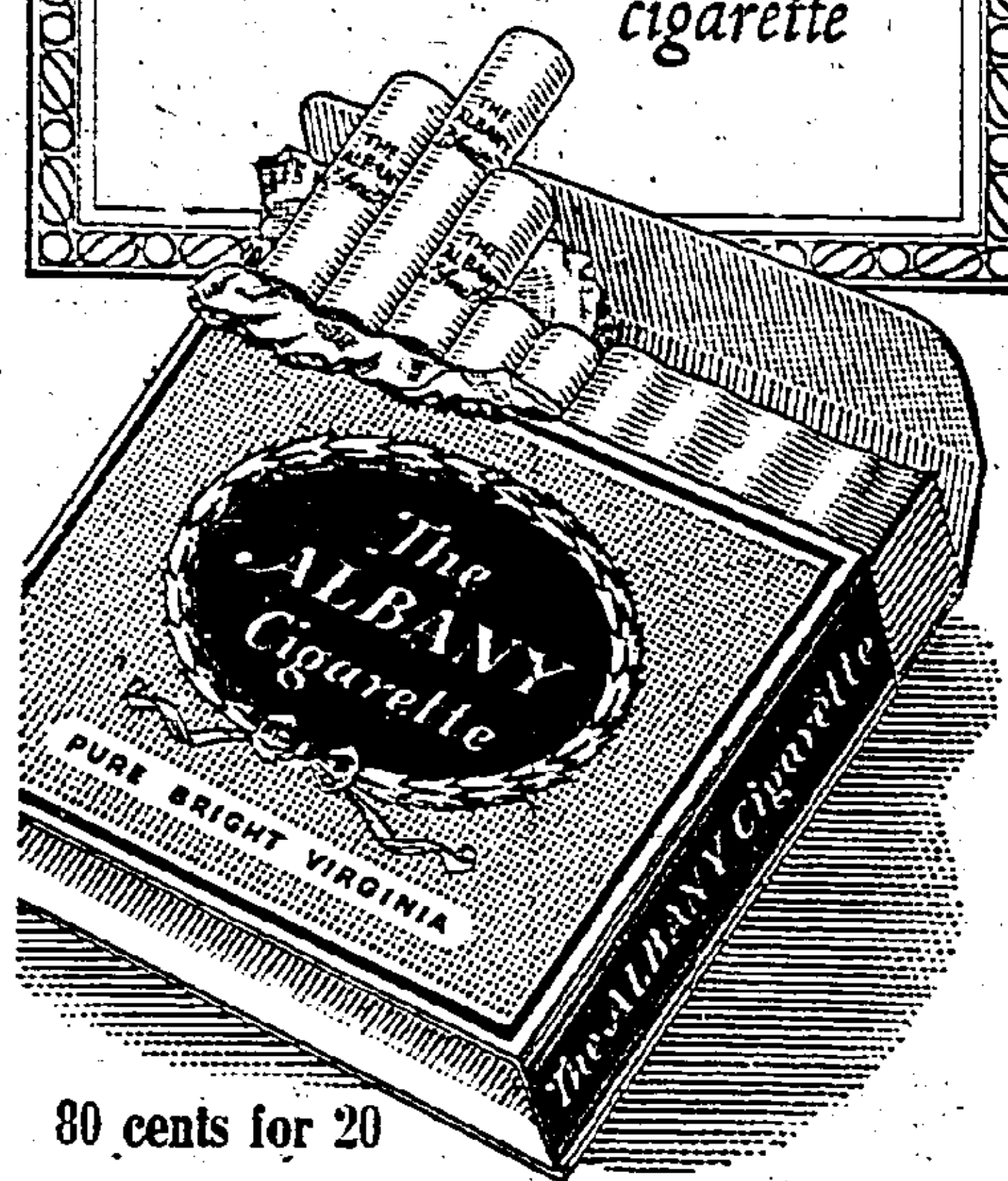
The Chief Indonesian delegate to the United Nations, L. N. Palar, said: "With the conclusion of the round table conference, an important step toward our independence has been taken. This is a reason for great joy on my part. As soon as the final step is taken, that is, the transfer of sovereignty, we will celebrate our independence. We had to carry out wars and negotiations with the Netherlands in order to obtain this independence. Without the intervention of the United Nations, our conflict with the

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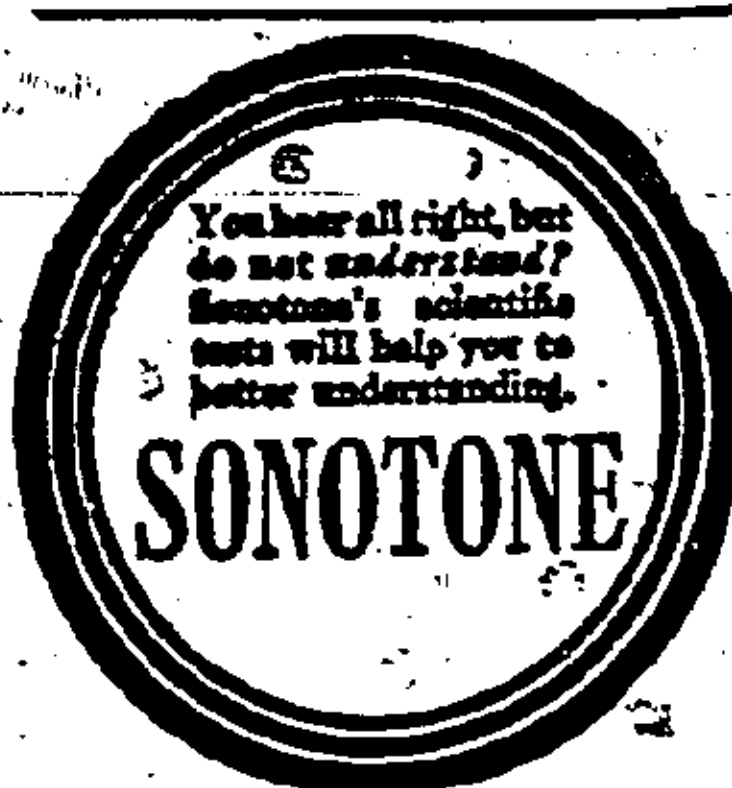
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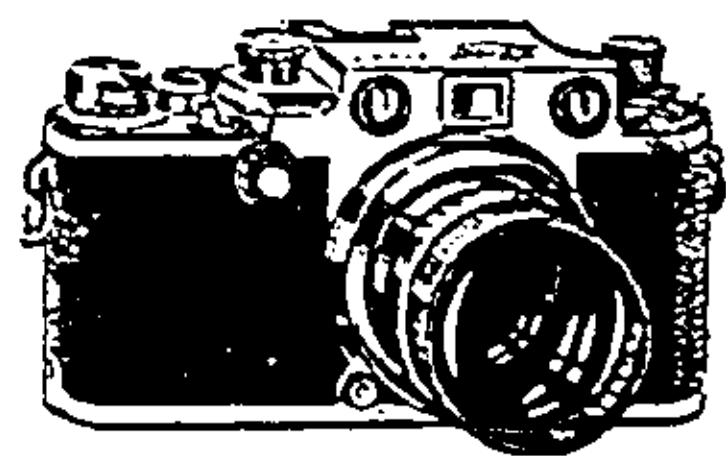
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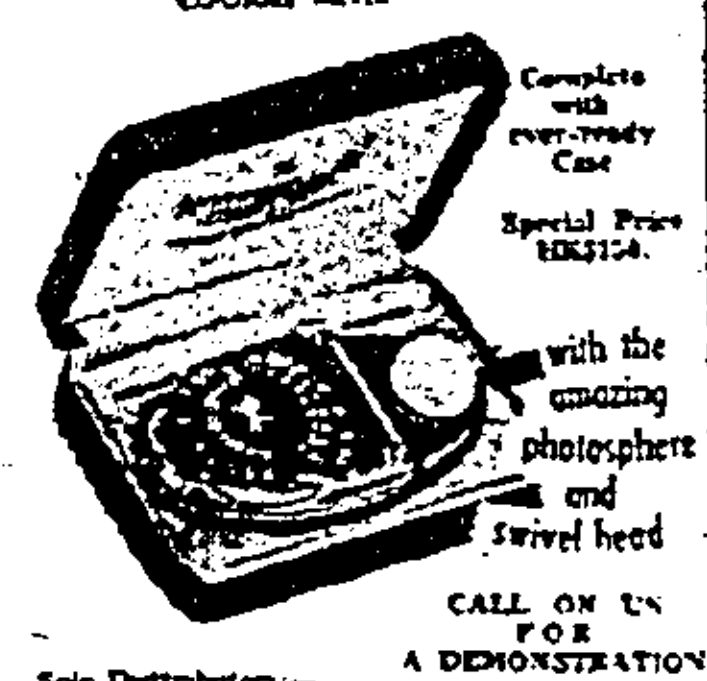
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LIMIT PLACED ON UK DEFENCE EXPENDITURE

London, November 2.

The Government announced today that it has decided to put an upper limit of £760,000,000 on defence expenditure during the current financial year ending next March.

Lord Addison, Lord Privy Seal, made the announcement in the House of Lords today when opening a two-day debate on the economy cuts announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, last month.

BRIDAL COUPLE MURDERED

Santa Rosa, California.

November 2.

A newly-wed couple, the bride's sister and a ranch hand were killed by shotgun blasts at Santa Rosa while a five-year-old girl ran screaming down a lonely ranch road for help.

Henry Pio, 37, a ranch hand, was arrested and held in gaol after the four killings.

Clyde Howard, 23, and his wife of one week, Louise, 27, drove to Pio's cottage with Mrs. Howard's sister, Marie, Silva, and Mr. Silva's daughter, Esther.

They left Esther in the car and went up the steps to collect a trunk Mrs. Howard had left there before her marriage.

There was an argument, followed by more than a dozen shots which rattled the three adults, knocking the bodies from the porch.

Esther ran screaming to a neighbour. Later, Pio appeared at the cabin of another ranch hand, Tony Abaya, three miles away.

There were more shots, and Abaya fell dying.

No charges were filed immediately against Pio.—Associated Press.

Thakin Nu Flying To Border

Rangoon, November 2.

The Burmese Premier, Thakin Nu, is to fly on Thursday to North Burma and the areas adjoining the China-Burma border.

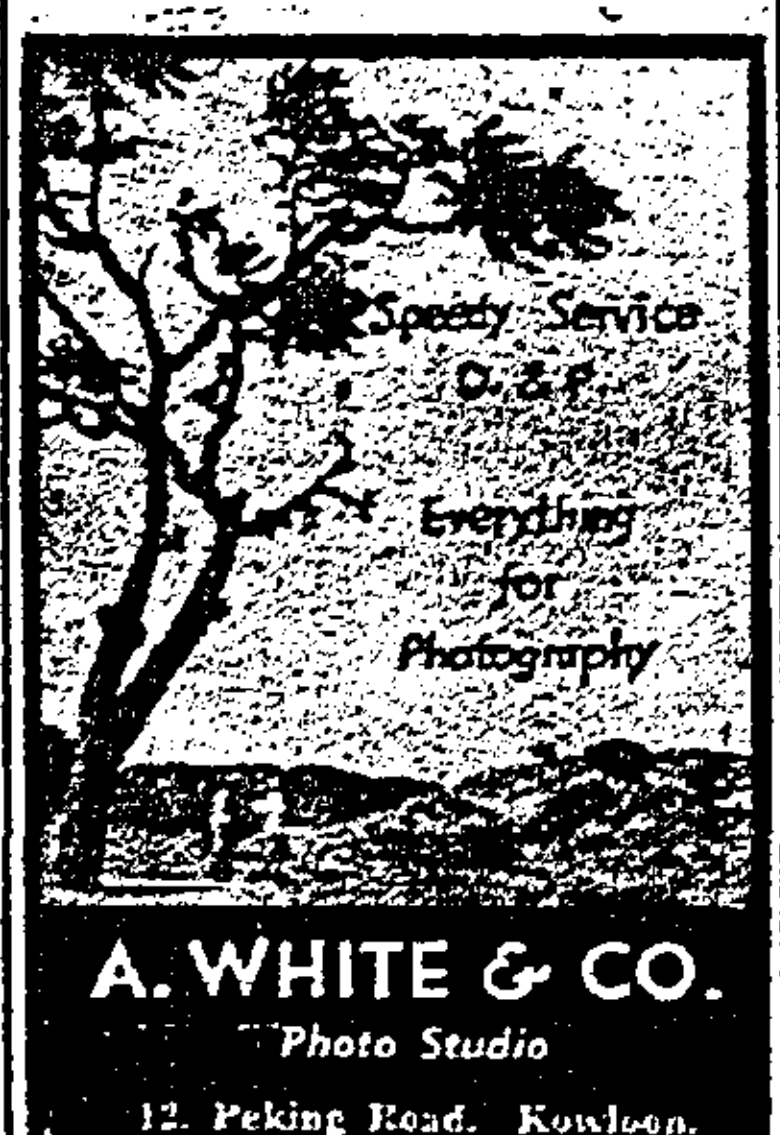
He will be accompanied by the Kachin President, Sima Duwa Sinwa Nawng, whose territory borders on to China.

Informal sources said that the two Ministers will inspect border defences with the possibility of tightening up Northern security measures in relation to the Kachin lands.

The Premier and the Kachin Minister are expected to be away for 10 days. Meanwhile, the semi-official daily, "New Times of Burma," reported the presence close to North Eastern Burma of Chinese Communists.

The paper, quoting a high political source recently returned from Communist China, claimed that the Communists dominate Yunnan Province, where the established government controls an area no more than a 15-mile radius around Kunming.

The "New Times" quoted the source as saying that a Chinese Communist movement towards Burma is not improbable, but there is no immediate danger.—Associated Press.



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These economies include a £30,000,000 cut in defence in a full year and about £12,500,000 in the present financial year.

Lord Addison said that expenditure on defence had been forecast for the year at £760,000,000, but considerable supplementary estimates had been put in amounting to £30,000,000 and even the figure of £790,000,000 was not likely to have been the end of the story.

However, after the most searching examination, the Government had decided that the figure of £760,000,000 must not be exceeded.

The Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, told the House of Commons today that recent speculation in the press as to major changes in the present scheme of conscription is not well founded. He had been asked if he could announce details of the economic proposals in the National Service scheme.

Mr. Alexander added that the national service remained an essential feature of Britain's defence policy, though its practical workings would continue to be kept under close review to ensure that it met the needs of the Services as efficiently as possible.

Selected Ballot

Mr. Frank Byers, Liberal, asked if the Government had definitely no intention of introducing the selected ballot. Mr. Alexander replied that he had nothing to add to his answer, but what ever recommendations the Government made would come before the House.

Speculation on changes in Britain's defence system and conscription methods has ranged over a wide field, and sections of left-wing Labour have been pressing the Government to abandon the principle of conscription and to rely upon a regular army possibly enlarged by more attractive terms of enlistment.

Other political quarters have urged that compulsory service should operate on a ballot system which might result in deferred call-up for 200,000 of the 300,000 total of men annually available.

This plan would be coupled with an extension of the present 18 months' period of service to two years or more.

Certain other quarters have advanced the idea that there should be an extension of the system of reserve occupations whereby men urgently needed for Britain's industrial recovery would have their military service deferred.—Reuter.

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One Way Of Stopping War

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Speaking to the American Society of Civil Engineers, the President said: "If we can make our contribution to help raise the standard of living by only two per cent, our factories and businesses could never catch up with the demands on them."

"There is a struggle between two great ideologies today, one backed by a moral code and the other backed by no moral code. My ambition is to show that our ideology with its moral code can do what is best for the people of the world."—Reuter.

CYCLONE'S TOLL

Madras, November 2.
Two hundred dead have been counted so far, and crops worth £750,000 have been washed away in the recent cyclone in the Andhra area.

Irrigation canals in one region are choked by dead cattle. The Government is rushing aid to the area.—Associated Press.

TYPHOON RAVAGES THE PHILIPPINES

Manila, November 3.

Philippine Red Cross disaster units counted 26 dead, 40 injured and 20,000 homeless in the Central Philippines today in the wake of the worst typhoon in this area in 12 years.

Reports are still coming in from outlying districts on the big blow, which arrived 12 hours ahead of time to catch Cebu and other heavily populated islands by surprise.

The damage may exceed 50,000,000 pesos (HK\$100,000,000).

Some 20 small inter-island boats and 10 large sailboats in Cebu Harbour were wrecked by 70-mile-per-hour winds with gusts up to 100 miles an hour. Cebu, Negros and Panay Islands took a three-hour hammering late on November 1 and early on November 2.

Accurate Red Cross reports placed the dead in Cebu City at 15, with 20 more injured. About 5,000 homeless were temporarily cared for in public buildings and universities.

Towns along Cebu's Eastern seaboard were taken unaware and were caught by the storm as it passed over the island and struck hard at the rich sugar-producing island of Negros next door.

Ten more were killed on Negros, according to the latest reports, and 3,000 houses were either totally or partially destroyed.

Another death was reported from Iloilo, capital of Panay.

15 Planes

The Red Cross reported that 60 per cent of the homes in Cebu City were damaged or destroyed by winds up to 100 miles per hour.

Cebu has a population of 140,000. Damage is estimated unofficially at more than HK\$40,000,000 in Cebu City and in 14 other towns on Cebu Island in the Central Philippines.

Most of the homes in the area are of bamboo.

A small commercial airline lost 10 single-engine planes on Cebu airfield, and five private planes were destroyed.

The storm roared out to the China Sea this morning.

The hardest-hit provinces were Cebu, Occidental Negros and Bohol, but the fury of the tropical storm was also felt severely in parts of Surigao, Leyte, Bohol and Palawan.

Vessels Sunk

The storm destroyed or damaged hundreds of houses, making thousands homeless.

Numerous vessels, mostly small coastal craft, were sunk or wrecked. Crops, schools, roads and communications were heavily damaged in many localities.

The Government has mobilised all relief agencies, including the Red Cross, which immediately started relief work.

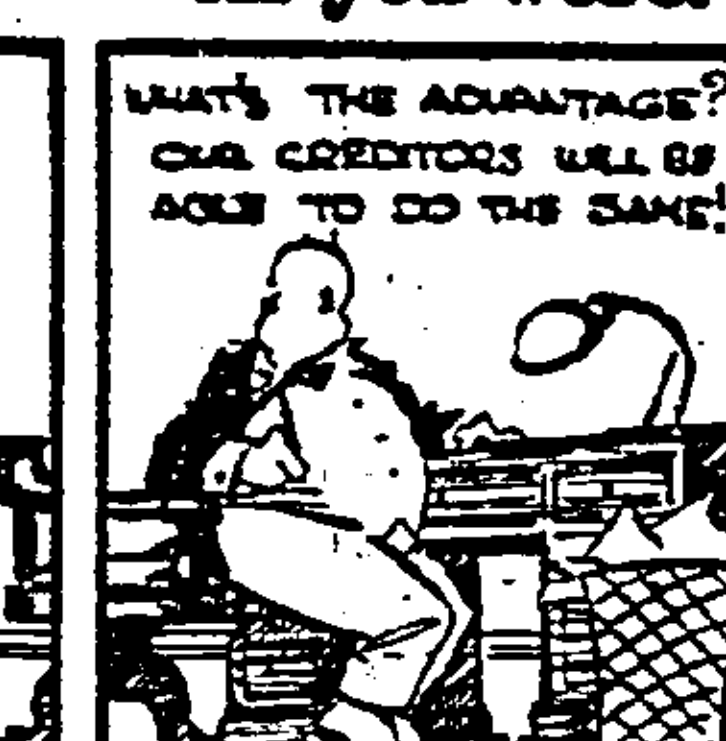
Cebu, which suffered the most destruction, also had the heaviest death toll.

Deaths were due to drowning, electrocution, falling roofs and trees.

The Weather Bureau said that the storm, which swept out to sea off Palawan, is moving West North West at 11 knots and at 2 p.m. today is expected to be centred at 11.7 N. 115.5 E.

The Bureau said that at 2 a.m. tomorrow it is expected to be centred at 12 N. 113.1 E.—Associated Press and United Press.

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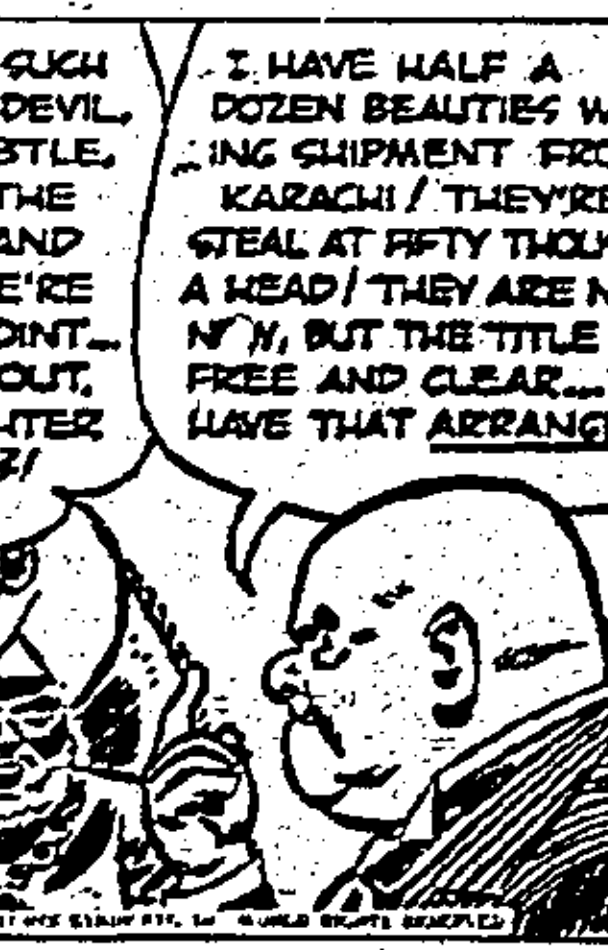
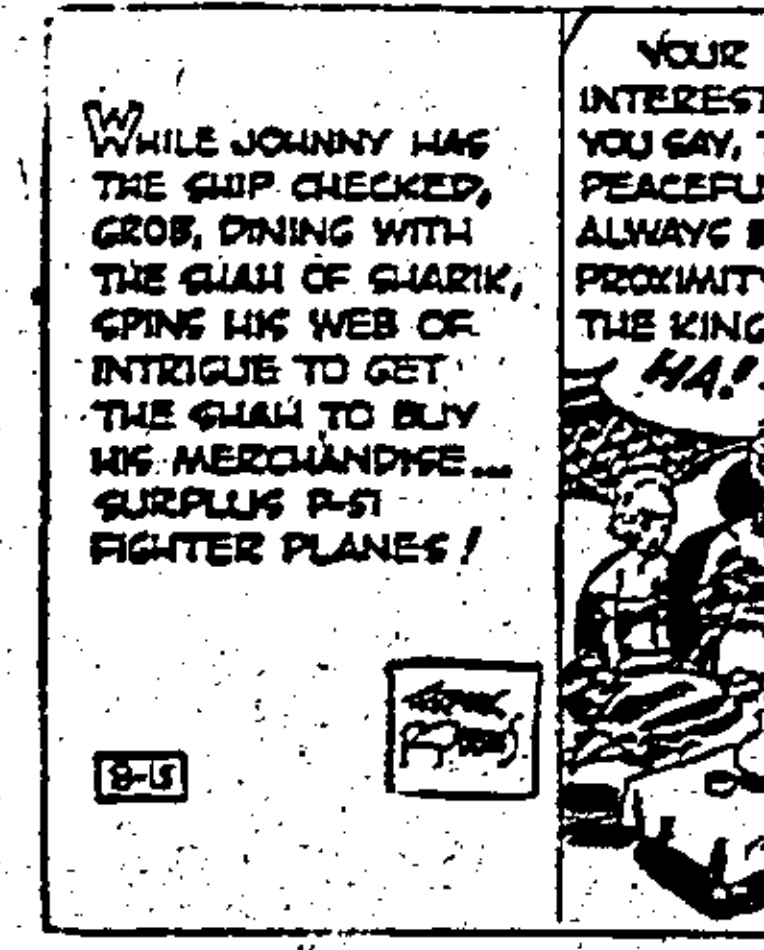
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Sydney, November 2.
Sydney-bound from Hong Kong, the Australian liner Taping slowed down when her captain saw a distress signal flying from the mast of a sailing lugger. The Taping crew explained that the lugger had been aground for three days following engine failure, but if the captain of the liner would give them a 5/8-inch monkey wrench to fix the engine, they would not detain her longer. Reuter.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

GENERAL REGULATIONS
On Monday, November 7, 1949, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to noon. The other District Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery of Registered Letters, Ordinary Correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from pillar boxes.
The Money Order Office and Postal Directorate will be entirely closed.

Outward Mails

With immediate effect and until further notice no further correspondence can be accepted for Amoy and Fuzhou.
Unregistered correspondence only for Canton, Swatow, Shanghai, Tientsin and North China can be accepted at readers risk and will be forwarded as opportunity offers.
Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.
Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the CPO closing times.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Canada, (Reg.) 10 a.m. (Ord.) 11 a.m.
Airmail for USA, (Reg.) 12 noon. (Ord.) 1 p.m.
Airmail for Kowloon and Celestia: Airmail for Kowloon, (Reg.) 12 noon. (Ord.) 1 p.m.
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Airmail for Kowloon, (Reg.) 11.30 a.m. (Ord.) 12 noon.
Airmail for USA and Canada, (Reg.) 12 noon. (Ord.) 1 p.m.
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FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realized at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday follow:
First quality Average
Yellow Croaker \$1.50
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Copper Fish \$1.20
White Herring \$1.20
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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIBADAK" 15th Nov.	10th Nov.
"TJITJALENGKA" 3rd Dec.	29th Nov.

MANILA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"BOISSEVAIN" 10th Nov.	
"STRAAT SOENDA" 30th Nov.	
"TEGELBERG" 25th Dec.	13th Nov.
"TJIKAMPEK" 25th Jan.	8th Dec.

* No passenger accommodation available.

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"VAN HEUTSZ" 17th Nov.	12th Nov.
"TJITJALENGKA" 3rd Dec.	29th Nov.

* Calling Singapore only.

EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"STRAAT SOENDA" 9th Nov.	24th Nov.
"TEGELBERG" 14th Nov.	24th Nov.
"TJIKAMPEK" 10th Dec.	21st Dec.
"TEGELBERG" 13th Dec.	24th Dec.

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Agents: HOLLAND—EAST ASIA LINE EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"MOLENKERK" 9th Nov.	
"MEERKERK" Early Dec.	13th Nov.

Transshipment cargo accepted on through B's/L to India, Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"MOLENKERK" 15th Nov.	8th Nov.
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Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on the 3rd November, 1949.

To comply with General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 4th November, 1949 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th November, 1949 or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

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Hong Kong, November 1, 1949.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

EUROPEAN NATIONS' NEW TRADE CHARTER

Paris, November 2.

The 18-nation Council of the Organisation for European Economic Recovery today adopted a European trade charter with the aim of abolishing before December 15 trade quotas on at least half of their total imports on private account.

The ultimate aim of the plan is to form a single large market in Europe in which goods and services could move freely.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, November 2.
Stronger hopes for labour peace helped lift the stock market to a 12-month high today.

Key issues rose fractions to around a point. Steels, motors, rails and oils held prominent places in the advance.

Trading volume approached the year's peak and 1,570,000 shares changed hands. Buying interest slowed late in the session.

Wall Street is particularly pleased with the improvement in rails, which normally lag behind other stocks. Contrary to the rail advance, Chesapeake and Ohio lost $\frac{1}{4}$, hitting a new low for the year at 27- $\frac{1}{4}$.

Airlines were uniformly lower, including Pan American, United, TWA, American and Eastern.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 68.32, 20 Industrials 192.96, 15 Rails 48.85.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 22
Alaska Juneau 4
American Can 89
American Smelting 49
American Telephone 145
American Tobacco 74
American Waterworks 8
Anaconda Copper 29
Aviation Corp. 5
Baldwin Locomotive 10
Barnes 52
Bendix Aviation 34
Bethlehem Steel 31
Boeing Aircraft 23
Borden Co. 47
Canadian Pacific 14
J. I. Case 43
Chrysler 58
Colgate 42
Commercial Solvents 17
Coca-Cola 64
Du Pont 59
Eastman Kodak 44
General Electric 32
General Motors 65
Goodrich 68
Goodyear 41
Hornstake Mining 50
International Harvester 28
International Paper 65
International Tel. & Tel. 9
Jons Manville 44
Kennecott Copper 49
Montgomery Ward 53
National Distillers 21
National Lead 35
New York Central 10
Packard Motors 4
Pan American Airways 8
Pennsylvania RR 14
Radio Corp. 12
Remington Rand 11
Republic Steel 22
Reynolds Tobacco 39
Schlumberger 28
Sears Roebuck 43
Shell Oil 39
Socoy Vacuum 17
Southern Pacific 45
Standard Brands 22
Standard Oil of Calif. 68
Standard Oil of N.J. 74
Studebaker 24
Union Carbide 40
Union Bag 27
US Rubber 35
US Steel 25
US Lines 16
Westinghouse 28
Youngtown Sheet & Tube 68
Gen. Pub. Utilities 15
—Associated Press.

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Hong Kong, November 3, 1949.

Bankers Back Continuation Of Gold Rate

San Francisco, November 2.

The American Bankers' Association today adopted a resolution today advocating continuation of the present gold price of \$35 an ounce.

The resolution said: "The American dollar is the anchor now for the currencies of the world. The value of the dollar should be firmly maintained by continuing the relationship of \$35 to an ounce of gold. For 15 years this fixed price has furnished a basis for the currencies of the world. It would be unwise and dangerous to make any change in this relationship. Any increase in the gold price would fan the fires of inflation both here and abroad." — Associated Press.

you will take in the next few months, are actions that may very well influence the course of history in the next century.

"Europe either starts back on the way toward a position of great strength, in which free institutions will be very secure or—there is a failure to act, or actions of the wrong kind are taken—I do not think I am exaggerating when I say that we may have a new kind of dark age in the world."

For his "last word," Mr. Hoffman repeated what he said President Truman had said in his last conversation with him, "I would like to have you make it very clear to all our friends in Europe that all we desire is a strong, prosperous Europe in which free institutions will flourish." — Reuter.

Money Market

US dollars opened yesterday at HK\$6.02, dropped to \$6.01 and closed at \$6.04.

TT opened at HK\$6.09 and closed at \$6.09.

Sterling dropped to HK\$15.30, but Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.10.

Piastres were again nominal at HK\$11.90 a 100.

Ticals at HK\$27 a 100 were unchanged, as also were NEI Guilders at HK\$23.50 a 100.

China Entertainments 14n.
H.K. Constructions (O) 22ob.
H.K. Constructions (N) 11ob.
Vibro Piling 15n.
Marsman, Investments 9/-n.
Marsman, (H.K.) 2n.
Shanghai Loan 18on.
Yangtzes 24on.

Cottons
Rubber, Etc., Companies
Alma Estates 14-n.
Anglo-Dutch 30n.
Anglo-Javas 1n.
Batu Anans 40n.
Batu Plantations 11s.
Chemor United 40n.
Cheng Rubbers 20n.
Consolidated Rubbers 1n.
Dominion Rubbers 1n.
Langkats 1n.
Rajah Rubbers 30n.
Rubber Trusts 3n.
Samanga Rubbers 35n.
Semenau Rubbers 25n.
Shanghai Kedahs 11b.
Shanghai-Malays 12-n.
Shanghai Sumatras 1n.
Sungei Duris 13n.
Tanah Merahs 30n.
Telong Rubbers 40n.
Ziangbe Rubbers 1n.

British Jet Exports
London, November 2.

The Air Minister, Mr. Arthur Henderson, told the House of Commons today that the export of British jet fighters had not limited the supply to British squadrons.

Mr. Patrick Donner, Conservative, had asked why these planes were being exported while British pilots in the event of a war would be expected to fight in "out-of-date planes."

Mr. Henderson had earlier stated that according to present plans all the fighter squadrons of the regular Air Force and 35 per cent of the auxiliary squadrons would be equipped with jet fighters by the end of this year, and all the auxiliary squadrons by early 1951. — Reuter.

INDIES TRADE OFFER
Sydney, November 2.

The West Indies is willing to transfer Canadian and American trade formerly worth \$50,000,000 to Australia, Mr. G.E. Monbrun, Managing-Director of a Trinidad importing firm said here tonight.

He said he hoped to buy \$1,000,000 worth of goods for his firm in Australia.

Devaluation of the Pound had made American and Canadian prices so high that they were out of reach of the West Indies, he added. — Reuter.

ECA GRANT
Washington, November 2.

The Economic Co-operation Administration today announced authorization of the purchase of \$21,500,000 worth of materials for the ECA-Sydvavanger iron ore mines project in Norway.

The equipment to be purchased in the United States, consists of construction, mining and conveying equipment, \$1,611,000; generators and motors, \$500,000; and track laying type tractors, \$45,000. — United Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
M.V. "TELEMACHUS"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on November 4, 1949, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

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Hong Kong, November 3, 1949.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The Market remains steady, but is on the quiet side.

H.K. Govt. Loans
4% Loan 100n.
3 1/2% Loan (1934 & 1940) 100b.
3 1/2% Loan (1943) 100n.

Banks
H.K. & S. Bank 147ob, 1495s, 1490s
H.K. & S. Bank (Lon. Reg.) 285sn

Chartered Bank 29 1/2/18n.
Mercantile Bk. A. & B. 23 7/8n.
Bank of East Asia 108b.

Insurance
Canton Ins. 305n.
Union Ins. 67ob, 690s.
China Underwriters 51n.
H.K. Fire Ins. 215n.

Shipping
Douglases 200n.
H.K. & M. Steamboats 11n.
Indo China (Pref.) 89n.
Indo China (Def.) 200n.
Shells (Bearer) 65/10 1/2n.
U. Waterboats 27n.
Asia Nav. 75b.

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, Etc.
H.K. & K. Wharves 108n.
North Point Wharves 53n.
Sh. Hongkew Wharves 10n.
H.K. Docks 18b, 191s, 182s.
China Providents 11 1/2b, 1220s, 12sa.

Shanghai Dockyards 84ob, 8s.
Wheelocks 31b, 32sa.

Mining
Roub Mines 8n.
H.K. Mines 01n.

Hotels, Hotels & Bldgs.
H. & S. Hotels 11 1/2b, 1180s, 1170sa.

H.K. Lands 501b, 521s.
Shanghai Lands 240n.
Humphreys 11n.
H. K. Realities 2b.

Chinese Estates 140n.
Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways 1630b, 1670s, 1640sa.

Peak Trams (Old) 18n.
Peak Trams (New) 91sa.
Star Ferries 80b.

C. Lights (Old) 1250b, 1280s, 1270/80/70sa.
C. Lights (New) 950b, 10s, 970/-, 80/70sa.

H.K. Electric 32 1/2s, 321sa.
Macao Electric 21b, 221s, 21sa.
Sandakan Lights 84n.

Telephones 18b, 20s, 19sa.
Shanghai Gas 11n.

Industries
Cald. Macg. (Ord) 2560n.
Canton Ice 31n.

Cements 221b, 23s, 221sa.
H.K. Ropes 1570b, 165sa.

Stores, Etc.
Dairy Farms 42b, 43s.
Watsons 46s, 45sa.

L. Crawford 181b.
Sinceres 440n.
China Emporium 820b.

Sun Co., Ltd. 285n.
Kwong Sang Hong 83n.
Wing On (H.K.) 72n.

Wm. Powell, Ltd. 91n.

Miscellaneous
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Batu Plantations 11s.
Chemor United 40n.
Cheng Rubbers 20n.

Consolidated Rubbers 1n.
Dominion Rubbers 1n.
Langkats 1n.

Rajah Rubbers 30n.
Rubber Trusts 3n.
Samanga Rubbers 35n.

Semenau Rubbers 25n.
Shanghai Kedahs 11b.
Shanghai-Malays 12-n.

Shanghai Sumatras 1n.
Sungei Duris 13n.
Tanah Merahs 30n.

Telong Rubbers 40n.
Ziangbe Rubbers 1n.

LONDON STOCKS
London, November 2.

Government bonds led the way for steady, quiet trading on the London Stock Exchange today. But averages slipped slightly. All issues on the international list advanced. There were scattered gains in industrials. Gold mines, rubbers and oils were steady to higher.

All Government bonds were up. Biggest gain in the \$100 par stocks was in the 3-1/2 per cent War Loan which climbed 17/6d. Financial Times index 100.8, off 2. — Associated Press.

NY RUBBER
New York, November 2.

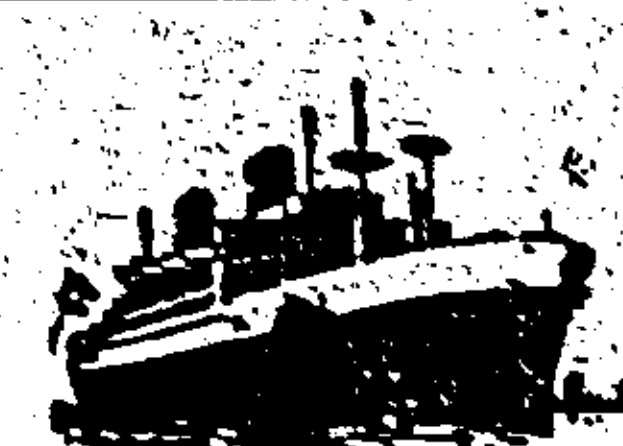
Crude rubber closed 10 to 18 higher. Soles 128 contracts.
December 1850-61.
March 1840.
May 1820.
July 1800 nominal.
Ribbed sheets 161 1/2 nominal.

—Associated Press.

ANNEY PACT
Lake Success, November 2.

Burma has become the tenth country to sign the Anney pact protocol.

U. E. Maung, Foreign Minister of Burma and Chairman of the Burmese delegation to the United Nations, signed on behalf of his country yesterday. — Reuter.



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Entrance to Wharf through Gate No. 3A, Canton Road.

Heavy baggage for both ships should be delivered to Baggage Godown No. 50, Gate No. 2, Canton Road, Kowloon, on Thursday, Nov. 3, or Friday, Nov. 4.



ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"BENLEDI"	U.K. via Singapore	In Port
"BENLAVERS"	do	19th Nov.
"BENRINNES"	do	21st Nov.
"BENARTY"	do	28th Nov.
"BENVORLICH"	do	10th Dec.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"BENLAVERS"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull	23rd Nov.
"BENLEDI"	Genoa, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th Nov.
"BENWYVIS"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre & Hull	20th Nov.
"BENRINNES"	Genoa, London & Leith	22nd Nov.
"BENARTY"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg	20th Dec.

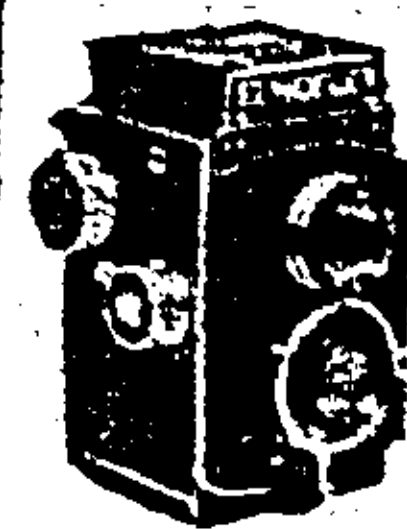
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"SCORPIONS" TO CLASH WITH ARMY IN "MATCH OF THE WEEK"

(By "STUMPS")

Hockey Fixtures

The following are the Hong Kong Hockey Association fixtures for Sunday, November 6, and Monday, November 7:

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6.
Recreio "A" v RAF, Recreio ground, King's Park, 11.15 a.m.
Umpires: Yeo Gater, Mr. Binko.
KITC v HK Police, Boundary St., 10.15 a.m.
Umpires: Mr. Musty, S/Cdr Paddy.
Park-SC v YMCA, King's Park, RNYC No. 2, 10.00 a.m.
Umpires: Sgt. Maj. Hannan, Q.M.S.I. Mc Allen.
Chand Tara v Recreio "B", Recreio ground, King's Park, 10.00 a.m.
Umpires: L/Tel Mathewson, Mr. Grewell.
HKCC v Dutch, King's Park, RNYC No. 1, 10.00 a.m.
Umpires: W. O. Vincent, Bdr Ward.
University v Nomads, Pokfulam, 10.30 a.m.
Umpires: Mr. Palmer, Capt. Cassinelli.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7.
Army v Commandos, Sookun-poo, 11.00 a.m.
Umpires to be detailed.
Club Secretaries are requested to ensure the prompt attendance of their teams; a maximum delay of ten minutes will be allowed. Any of the above umpires who are unable to officiate are requested to inform the Fixture Secretary Tel. No. 31193 (P.O.'s Mess) before 5 p.m. today.

SCOTLAND'S NEW RIGHT WING COMBINATION

Glasgow, November 2. Scotland will introduce a new right-wing combination for their football match against Wales at Hampden Park, Glasgow, next Wednesday. Liddell, of Liverpool, and McPhail, of Celtic, replace Waddell and Mason on the right wing.
The only other change compared with the side which beat Ireland 8-2 at Belfast recently is at centre-forward, where Houlston replaces Morris.
The team is: Cowan (Morton) (Goalkeeper); Clark (Rangers), Evans (Celtic), Woodburn (Rangers), Aitken (East Fife), Liddell (Liverpool), McPhail (Celtic), Houlston (Queen of the South), Steel (Derby County), Reilly (Hibernian).—Reuter.

IRC CRICKET TEAMS

The following are the Indian Recreation Club cricket teams for their matches this week-end:

TOMORROW
1st XI League v Optimists, at Sookunpoo: A.R. Abbas, Ismail Ali, F.M. el Arculli, A.H. Bakar, A.R. Esmail, S.A. Ismail (Capt.), A.R. Kitchell, A.H. Madar, I.M. Omar, M.I. Abdul Razzak and M.A. Wahab. Scorers: A.M. Wahab; Umpire: U.A. Rum-jamni.
2nd XI League v K.G.V. School, (Army): R.A. Bux, S.E.M. Bux, F. Abdul-Curreen, A. Ebrahim, T. Ebrahim, M.B. Hassan, K. Lalchand, A.K. Markar (Capt.), V. Motiwalla, A.R. Abdul-Razak and M.A. Wahab.

SUNDAY
"A" team v Royal Army Pay Corps, at Sookunpoo at 9.30 a.m.: S. Abou, F.M. el Arculli, H.T. Barma, T.H. Barma, S.E.M. Bux, F. Abdul-Curreen, K. Lalchand, S.H. Ismail (Capt.), P.T. Melwani, M.I. Abdul-Razak and Y. Motiwalla.

KCC AMERICAN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Tennis enthusiasts of the Kowloon Cricket Club are reminded that the entry list for Sunday's Progressive American Tennis Tournaments is rapidly filling up and that those members wishing to take part are requested to sign their names on the list on the Club's notice board.
Only 40 players can enter and the list will be closed as soon as this number is reached.
Those members who have entered are requested to be ready to play at 11 a.m. as any late comer is liable to hold the start up.

HOCKEY UMPIRES MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Umpires Board in the office of Messrs Shewan Tomes & Co. Ltd., Chung Tin Building 3rd floor at 5.30 p.m. today to discuss new rules in so far as they affect the Colony. All members are requested to attend.

HKCC "Scorpions" who scored a creditable victory over Club de Recreio in the First Division of the local Cricket League last week, will again be in the picture this week-end when they entertain the Army at Chater Road tomorrow in what should, without doubt, be the "match of the week" on the island.
On the Kowloon side, another grand game should be seen at Cox's Road, where Kowloon Cricket Club and Hong Kong University, teams which enjoy a high reputation, meet each other.

The "Scorpions" can well afford to look back on their triumph over Club de Recreio with deep satisfaction, as the Portuguese are a most formidable combination and extremely difficult to beat, particularly when playing on their own ground.
Frank Howarth was undoubtedly the hero of the day, as his feat in dismissing six of the Recreio batsmen for a meagre 48 runs was largely responsible for the Portuguese debacle.
Credit, however, must also be given to the other "Scorpion" bowlers for their contribution towards the victory and to the batsmen who, to the occasion, particularly H. M. Newton, who scored 44 not out.

A word of praise is also due to the Portuguese lads, who went down fighting and who took their defeat with good grace, thereby living up to the high reputation which they enjoy as "throughbred sportsmen" both on the field and off.
As their victory over Recreio has placed them in the running for honours, it is not likely that the "Scorpions" will prejudice their position by underestimating the Army tomorrow.
In Favourable Position
The Army, who have gained full points in date and are in a most favourable position for the Championship, will go all out for a win tomorrow.
As this will be a "battle of giants" a draw is expected, but the "Scorpions" will have advantage of playing at home and this factor might just tip the scales in their favour.
Kowloon Cricket Club, which is another dangerous team, will be facing a worthy foe tomorrow in the shape of the Hong Kong University XI.
The Undergraduates have done exceedingly well in their performances to date and should take full points, notwithstanding the fact that they will be playing on "enemy" territory.
The Indian Recreation Club, who have not done anything worth writing about this season, entertain the "Optimists" at Sookunpoo tomorrow and would seem to be in for another defeat.
Although weakness in attack has, to a certain extent, contributed to their lack of success, the IRC batting is not altogether free from blame.

Fighting Spirit Needed
It is time that the Indians took steps to remedy the situation and instilled in their batsmen, some of the fighting spirit which characterised the IRC batting in the past.

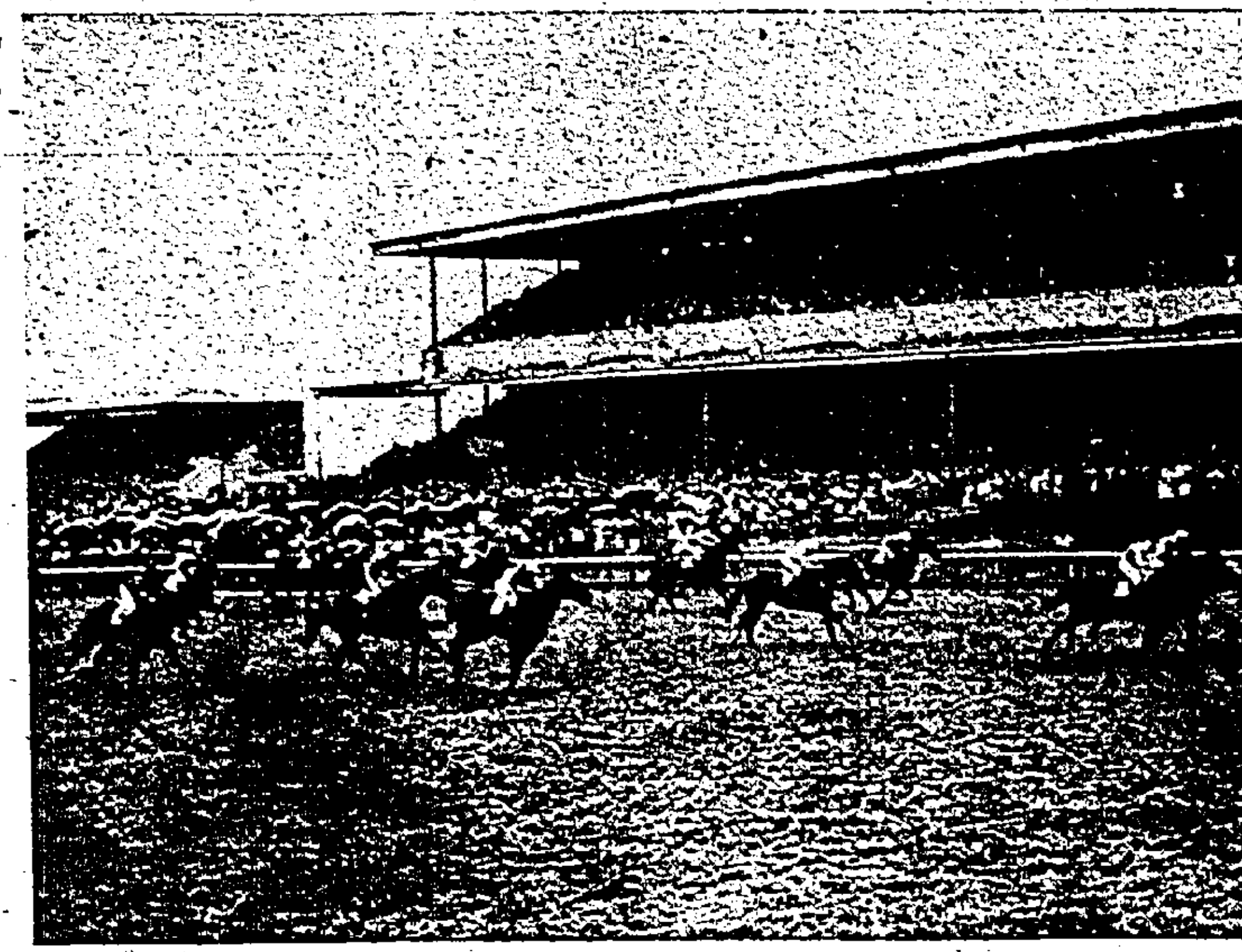
The game between RAF and Royal Navy at Kai Tak is expected to end in a win for the Airman, but the Navy XI has a knack of coming through when least expected, so a defeat for the RAF would not be surprising.
Tomorrow, the Commandos will play hosts to Craigieover Cricket Club and a very interesting game should be seen.
Craigieover has not been having the best of luck in their last two matches.
After knocking up a respectable total and then declaring when they met the Army a fortnight ago, they had the mortification of seeing the soldiers fighting with their backs to the wall, overhauling them and score the necessary runs for victory with wickets to spare.
Last week, in their match against the "Optimists" they again declared after scoring what they felt to be a very neat figure. In this case, they were only saved by the clock, as the "Optimists" were four runs short of victory when the closure was applied.
In view of their consistency, however, it would be reasonable to tip them for a win against the Commandos on Sunday.
In the Second Division, a good game should be seen at Pokfulam, tomorrow, where Hong Kong University clash with Kowloon Cricket Club, who are already regarded as this season's Champions.
Although the Undergraduates are expected to put up a stiff fight, a comfortable win for KCC is expected.

INDIAN MIDDLEWEIGHT SCORES K.O.
London, November 2. The Indian middleweight Mar Joachim, scored a second round knock-out victory over Johnny Morgan, of Wales, in an eight-round bout at the Caledonian Road Baths Hall here tonight.—Reuter.

BRITISH TABLE TENNIS VICTORY
Prague, November 2. A group of British table tennis stars opened a tour of Czechoslovakia on Wednesday with a 9-0 victory over a Czech team at Celakovice, North East of Prague.
Only three of the six visiting Britons participated in this match, but each defeated his Czech opponent 2-0 in round-robin play. The British players were Leonard Devenoux, D. Miller and 16-year-old Rosalind Rowe.—Associated Press.

RUGGER RESULTS
London, November 2. The following were the results of rugby games played today:
Championship Matches: Eastern Counties 23 Middlesex 14; Hampshire 8 Kent 8; Surrey 23 Oxfordshire 8.—Reuter.

Sterope Wins Cambridgeshire



John B. Townsley's four-year-old Bay Colt, Sterope, ridden by Charlie Elliott and a 25 to 1 shot in a field of 39, beat Good Taste by a head in a photofinish to win the Cambridgeshire. Photo shows Sterope (at right, nearest camera), fighting it out with Good Taste. Associated Press Photo.

Expert Testifies In Breach Of Contract Case

Evidence pertaining to textiles and business contracts in that connection was given by an expert on behalf of the defence at the Supreme Court yesterday in the action for breach of contract involving 2,198 pounds of knitting wool.

Witness, Mr. Charles Silas, Secretary and Technical Adviser to the Nan Yang Cotton Mills, admitted under cross-examination that he had never acted as arbitrator in these matters in Hong Kong before.

Mr. Silas, who handled the dispute between plaintiffs and defendants as to the quality of the merchandise under contract, said he had experience in such matters as member of arbitration panels involving issues of this kind in Manchester and Bombay.

Plaintiffs in the case are the General Trading Company, of Prince's Building, who are represented by Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton on the instructions of Mr. J. C. Stewart. Mr. D. A. L. Wright instructed by Mr. G. S. Ford is representing the defendants, the Bunge East Asia Agencies, Incorporated.

The case is being tried by Mr. Justice Williams, senior Puisne Judge.
Plaintiffs claim that when they entered into contract with the defendants on October 5, 1948, for the purchase of 2,198 pounds of "Chlor" brand English hand knitting wool, the defendants had promised that the shipment would correspond in all respects with samples which they presented, then paid a deposit of \$9,500 to the defendants.

When the goods arrived, it is further claimed, they were found to be inferior in quality to the samples. This dispute was then submitted to Mr. Silas, the arbitrator, who determined its quality and awarded 12 1/2 per cent allowance to the plaintiff as compensation.

Plaintiffs claim the return of the deposit, as well as damages and costs.
The Bunge Agencies on the other hand counter-claim for the sum of \$23,382, as damages alleged to have been done by plaintiffs by virtue of their wrongful refusal to accept the goods.

Mr. Wright yesterday made further submissions to the Court, one of which was that the contract in question was for a sale of goods by description. If the Court should find this to be so, he said, then it will see that the description of the goods corresponded with that mentioned in the contract.

Mr. Silas, testified that he had more than 30 years experience in textiles including cottons, wools, silk and knitting wool.
Witness said he had considerable experience in fulfilling such orders in England for sale in China, and was among other things a member of the Textile Institute of England and of the Association of British Textile Managers. He had also served in arbitration panels dealing with textiles in Manchester and in Bombay.

As to the present dispute, witness told the Court that about September last year, he was introduced to the managing partner of the defendant firm by a friend, one Van Muir, in a Chinese restaurant.

Trio Face Court On Menaces Charge

How co-operation between the Hong Kong and Chinese Police resulted in the arrest of three Chinese men was related by Detective Sub-Inspector C. Pope at Central yesterday.

Before Mr. A. D. Scholes, Mak Fat, aged 29; Tsoi Kuen, aged 40 and Mak Sun, aged 35, faced committal proceedings on charges of uttering threatening letters and demanding money with menace.

The defendants were alleged to have demanded with menace by letter, the sum of \$3,000 from Wan King on September 10 and 14.

DSI Pope told the court that at 10 p.m. on September 10 an apartment of the Wan King firm found a letter in a box at 19 Tai Fong Street, Shaohwan, addressed to his master, who reported it to the Shaohwan Police Station.

On September 14, the master found another letter with the same contents. Later in the day, the letter was handed to the Eastern Police Station.

Enquiries were made and the police raided No. 5 Ship Street, first floor, Wanchai. There they found a blue shirt in the pocket of which was a chop.

A trap was laid by the police and the three defendants were arrested by the Chinese authorities on September 16.

The defendants were handed to the police in British Territory three days later. The charge and letters were handed to experts for examination.

After DSI Pope had given evidence, the case was adjourned to today.

Police Raid Opium Divan

A party of police from Headquarters led by Detective-Inspector Cashman and Shaw, raided an opium divan on Cheung Chau Island during Wednesday night.

A large quantity of opium and opium pipes were seized and over 100 arrests were made. The men and women caught in the raid will be arraigned in Court today.

IMPORTED GOLD WITHOUT LICENCE

A woman, Cheung Chi-wah, was fined \$500 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for importing gold into the Colony without a permit.
The gold, consisting of a big bar, five small bars, a gold chain with appendages, three bangles and 19 finger rings, was ordered to be returned to her.

Defendant was searched and arrested by a constable at Jardine's Wharf on November 2.

Defendant pleaded guilty and said that she came from Kweiyang en route to Taiwan. She said she was wearing the gold as ornaments. The rest of her family had left the Colony.

Badminton League Starts Next Week

The Badminton League for the 1949-50 season will commence on Wednesday, November 9. All league matches will start at 7.30 p.m. unless otherwise mutually arranged.

The representatives of the "home" team must stand in the names of players and detailed results of their matches to the Hon. League Secretary, Mr. J. A. Soares, c/o The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, within 24 hours of the matches being played.

All players are reminded that it is a fault if the base of the shuttle be hit by the frame or the handle of the racket.

The following is the programme for November:

MEN'S DOUBLES "A" DIVISION
(Monday, November 14)
H.K. University v Shailanders; Chinese YMCA v Recreio.

(Monday, November 21)
Recreio v Shailanders; HK University v Chinese YMCA.

(Monday, November 28)
Chinese YMCA v Shailanders.

MEN'S DOUBLES "B" DIVISION
(Wednesday, November 9)
Section I—St. John's v Shailanders; Kowloon Tong v Chinese YMCA.

Section II—VRC v HK University; St. Teresa's v Chung Wah.

(Wednesday, November 16)
Section I—KCC v St. John's; Chinese YMCA v Shailanders.

Section II—Recreio v St. Teresa's; Chung Wah v HK University.

(Wednesday, November 23)
Section I—Kowloon Tong v St. John's; Shailanders v KCC.

Section II—HK University v Recreio; Chung Wah v VRC.

(Wednesday, November 30)
Section I—Kowloon Tong v Shailanders; KCC v Chinese YMCA.

Section II—Recreio v Chung Wah; VRC v St. Teresa's.

* Matches to be played on VRC court.
* Matches to be played on opponent's court.

MEN'S DOUBLES "C" DIVISION
(Monday, November 14)
Section I—Recreio v Kowloon Dock; Kowloon Tong v RAF; St. Teresa "B" v HK University.

Section II—St. John's v St. Teresa "A"; Rosary Church v Chinese YMCA; Homelicks v VRC.

(Monday, November 21)
Section I—Kowloon Tong v Recreio; Kowloon Dock v St. Teresa "B".

Section II—St. Teresa "A" v VRC; Chinese YMCA v St. John's; Rosary Church v Homelicks.

(Tuesday, November 22)
* RAF v HK University.

(Monday, November 28)
Section I—Recreio v St. Teresa "B".

Section II—St. Teresa "A" v Rosary Church; Homelicks v Chinese YMCA; VRC v St. John's.

(Tuesday, November 29)
Section I—RAF v Kowloon Dock.

* Matches to be played on Kowloon Tong's court.
* Matches to be played on opponent's court.

SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES DIVISION
(Friday, November 11)
Chinese YMCA v Recreio "A"; Recreio "B" v Shailanders.

(Friday, November 18)
Recreio "B" v Chinese YMCA.

(Friday, November 25)
Chinese YMCA v Shailanders; Recreio "A" v Recreio "B".

(Friday, November 11)
St. Teresa "A" v Chinese YMCA; Kowloon Dock v HK University; KCC v St. Teresa "B".

(Friday, November 18)
KCC v St. Teresa "A"; Chinese YMCA v Kowloon Dock; St. Teresa "B" v HK University.

(Friday, November 25)
Kowloon Dock v KCC; St. Teresa "A" v St. Teresa "B"; HK University v Chinese YMCA.

YWCA Annual Finance Campaign

The second report meeting of the YWCA Annual Finance Campaign was held at the General office 11 Duddell Street, yesterday. Mrs. Tan Keng-hoon, the Chairman of the Finance Campaign, presided. Mrs. Hsueh of the national YWCA staff presented the prizes.

Results of Campaign to date are: Faith Division 1st \$12,487.60; Hope Division 2nd \$8,761.25; Charity Division 3rd \$8,008.20.

Mrs. Tan Keng-hoon's division was first composed of the following ten ladies: Mrs. Tan Keng-hoon (Division Chief), Mrs. Yu Siu-kei, Mrs. Chan Hing-wa, Mrs. Wong Pak-chau, Mrs. Lai Ju-kau, Miss Tan Jen-chiu, Miss Fing Suk-nan, Miss Lai Ho, Miss Chan Lin-chuk.

Of the thirty teams Mrs. Tan Keng-hoon's team came first with \$4,920; the Tustula Club Team came second with \$3,548.10; Miss Tan Jen-chiu's Team came third \$2,371.

The total received at the first report meeting was \$2,085.65. The YWCA have still a long way to go to reach their goal, but they hope all their good friends will still remember them, and give them that measure of support that they have always had to carry on their work in the Colony, helping the children, women and girls in various fields of service.

Kowloon Rotary Club

A talk on how cement is made was given by Mr. J. J. Cameron, Chief Engineer of the Green Island Cement Company Limited, at the Kowloon Rotary Club weekly luncheon yesterday.

Mr. Cameron said that the principle of cement manufacture has been the same from the earliest days, though modern machinery and technique have intensified the scope of manufacture and output.

Cement is one of the most common manufactured articles of modern times, owing to the increase in use to which it is being put in constructional works of all types. The speaker was thanked by Squadron Leader A. F. Peterson, RAF, in charge of construction, who said that so far there has been no substitute found to take the place of cement.

It was announced by the President, Mr. Elmer Tsu, that there would be an auction of a roasted winking pig and two bottles of brandy at the next meeting of the Club on Thursday, November 10, the proceeds to go to the Club's community service fund.

The suckling pig and brandy were gifts which were sent in too late for the Club's last raffie.

APL SHIPS DUE

Four vessels of the American President Lines are due in Hong Kong over the week-end. The President Wilson is entering port today with 2,400 tons of cargo. She sails tomorrow for San Francisco via Japan and Honolulu.

The General Gordon, due to arrive here on Saturday, is leaving the same day for Manila and Japan.

Two cargo liners—President Harrison and President Pierce—are also due in port.

CARDINAL DIES

Vatican City, November 3. Cardinal Francesco Marchetti, 73-year-old Prefect of the Congregational Council, died here today of heart failure, reducing the number of Cardinals of the Catholic Church to 54.

The Pope is expected next month to restore the College of Cardinals to its full strength of 70.—Reuter.

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